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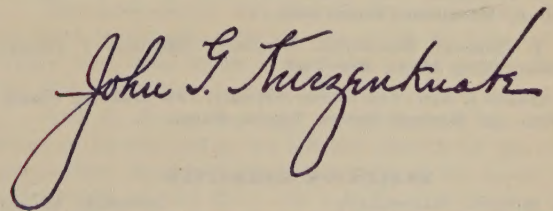
Greetings to our Luther Leaguers:

Again you have honored me in electing me your President. As we enter this new biennium, let us renew our Luther League enthusiasm and resolve now to have a larger membership and a further extension of our part in "The Whole Program of the Whole Church."

May we ever want to live our lives in deep consecration and be ready to meet the opportunities as they present themselves to us as the youth of the Church and leaders of tomorrow.

Again, as two years ago, I am counting on your enthusiasm, your support, your prayers.

Faithfully,



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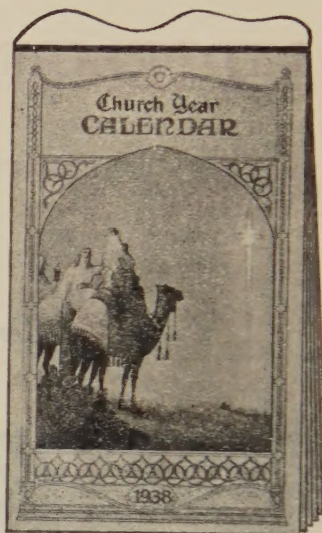
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Luther Leaguers Envision a Glorious Future for the Church

An account of a truly remarkable convention, July 5-9, 1937, Springfield, Ohio

By The REV. ALFORD R. NAUS, S. T. M.

To have had the privilege to attend the 21st Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America was to have the privilege of living on the mountain tops of inspiration. From the beginning to the end every presentation brought the members of the convention face to face with the stern realities of life. With the ending of every one there was the definite determination that the youth of the United Lutheran Church would heed the call of Christ.

The convention was privileged to have at its Chaplain Rev. Raymund D. Wood, Florence, S. C. Beginning with Tuesday morning and continuing with each session, Pastor Wood presented the Quiet Moments where thought and meditation molded a spiritual rapport for the whole convention. In his quiet, but very sincere manner, he presented one simple spiritual thought at each session—a thought acting as a transition between the gaiety of the convention members and the spiritual goal for the day's deliberations. The success of the convention is in no small way to be credited to the manner in which the Chaplain did a difficult job. The subjects for the various presentations were, "The Christ in Quest of Youth," "The Parable of Nature," "Compassion Companionship," "Think," "The Uplift of the Uplook," "A Challenge to Modern Youth," and "The Serviceable Life."

Christ Calls Youth

The convention proper got off to a very high start on Monday evening when Dr. Rees Edgar Tulloss, President of the Wittenberg College, gave the keynote address on the theme of the convention, "Christ Calls Youth."

President Tulloss said: "The great hopes which are centered about this convention, justified by months of preparation and by prayerful thought to the program features, are centered about the significance of the words of your convention theme. The entire success of the convention will be determined by the degree in which the central theme ceases to be just a theme and finds its way into your hearts. Your presence at this convention will bring to you many very rich experiences which you will not soon forget, but above every other impression and experience it is hoped that you will have a new valuation of the spiritual concepts of living back in your local League."

"Should the week go by," continued Dr. Tulloss, "without holding for you a vital and spiritual meaning; should it go without you having heard the word of God speaking to you with counsel and advice, then the convention will have been a failure for you. The theme of this convention is not just a figure of speech. Jesus is not an abstraction. He is a person. His call is an invitation from one person to another. Truly we Christians need nothing quite so much as the constant realization that Christ is a living Christ and that He is in constant touch with our lives."

Coming to the conclusion the speaker finished with the mighty challenge, "You of the younger generation are matched with a great hour. For this privilege you should

thank God. No finer thing could be recorded for you that in this hour of need you heard the call of the Christ, and leaving all you have followed Him."

Christ Calls Youth—To Study

The second day's theme was continued with the first address being presented by Rev. L. Ralph Tabor, Middletown, Md., whose subject was "New Days—New Ways." In a very interesting and compelling manner Rev. Tabor presented the picture of the ever changing world in which we are today living. These changes were traced through philosophy, through industry, through commerce, through social relationships and through government policies.

Not the least of the changes which have been happening during the last decade are the changes to be found within the Church. Every week the magazines and the papers are giving new evidence that only those who can be adjusted to this change will be in a position to offer constructive leadership to and for the Church.

Then in a very convincing manner Pastor Tabor pointed out the place of the youth of the Church in this day of change. "The new way must be seen and understood," continued the speaker, "But the only adequate new way which I can offer is the old way which the ages have known. That new way points to the words of Jesus when He said, 'Follow Me'."

Then followed an earnest appeal that the youth of this convention hear the call of Christ, follow Him and thus in a changing world to know the changeless Christ.

The theme of the day was beautifully presented by Rev. Irwin W. Gernert, Nashville, Tenn., at the evening service. Said Dr. Gernert: "Christ calls and expects youth to study His life, His work, and His teachings. Nor should such study omit the detail study and understanding of the modern social order. The Christ, who deals with the intimate affairs of life and not with the mournful piety, does have the answer and leadership for a better modern social order. He who is the fountain of gladness, demands that we approach Him with a fertile mind. He offers nothing to the hardened, the shallow or pre-occupied mind. To offer Christ our mind is to offer Him everything we have with all our abilities and our capacities."

The final appeal was that having studied we should go forth to put into practice that which we have learned. Truly "our need today is to make better application of the things we have learned in the sermon on the mount."

And so the second day of walking on the mounts came to an end and as we left the Church for the cooler atmosphere outside the spiritual glow of the mount continued with us and there was a feeling that it was good to believe with the problems of today.

Christ Calls Youth—To Fellowship

Wednesday brought us the new phase of our convention theme and Wednesday morning introduced to us Rev. Dr. Charles A. Puls, Lawrence, Kan. His subject was "Companions Along the Way."

In a most intriguing manner Dr. Puls gave a very excellent word picture of the companions which come into the lives of all youth. Some of these have a very definite wrong influence. More of them are neutral, while a smaller number offer helps in the right direction and help to make doing the right thing the easy thing to do.

Here much time was taken to show why so many marriages seek the divorce courts. "Most of these," Dr. Puls maintained, "were married because of the outside appearances. There can be no permanent and happy life partnership unless such partnerships take into account the internal and spiritual values of each of the parties concerned." All of which reminds the present writer of a friend who said that he had fallen in love with a girl's dimple, but later commented that he had made the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

Then followed a strong passionate appeal to all youth that The Companion needed by every person was the Person of Jesus Christ. All other companions must harmonize with the things which He demands and all who find themselves out of harmony with this true companion cannot be maintained as true friends or worthy companions along the way.

The day's theme was brought to a very fitting climax at the banquet which was held in the Field House, Wittenberg College. The address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ross H. Stover, Philadelphia, Pa. Better than 800 crowded in the hall. Even though the delegates were filled with noisy enthusiasm during the meal everything was quiet and expectant when Dr. Stover was introduced for the presentation of the evening.

"Christ fellowship," declared Dr. Stover, "demands that we have a reverence for it, a righteousness for it, and a regard for it. Too many are substituting humanism for sacredness and this is cutting God out of our lives. Humanism pulls the shades on the soul and all is darkness."

"Real fellowship," he continued, "is putting one hand in God's and the other in opportunities of perfecting character. Young people need to be challenged. They need sometimes to have the fur brushed the wrong way. Today there are many fine things knocking at the door. For those who are spiritually alive to possibilities there are unlimited opportunities such as youth has never seen before."

Came then the final warning: "There is no fellowship with Christ without sharing for Christ. If once you get Christ, you can only hope to retain Him in the same proportion as you give Christ to others. To have fellowship with Christ may not be the easiest way judged by the standards of the world. He may demand of you some things which you will find very hard, but never forget that having fellowship with Christ is to have joy unspeakable. Today, Christ calls you to fellowship."

Christ Calls Youth—To Worship

Thursday morning found the convention in its seats at an early hour. Everywhere there was anticipation. The delegates had been walking in the clouds. They did not intend coming down from the mounts today. The theme of the morning, "Opportunities Beyond the Horizon," was presented by Dr. F. H. Bloch, Milwaukee, Wis.

During the afternoon session the convention was given a very special treat when the most beloved presi-

dent of any Church body, Dr. Frederick H. Knubel, was presented to the delegates. President Knubel spoke on the proposed re-alignment of the work and administration of the Church's program for the various groups. He especially spoke of the glorious age of the youth between the year of 12 and 18.

"During this age," he declared, "the Luther League of America has the supreme opportunity of molding character. This is the age when life's worst mistakes are made. It is the age when youth is filled with desires; when youth is beginning to make some of its most important decisions; and last but not least, the time of life when youth is making its most marvelous discoveries."

President Knubel pointed out that the Luther League which was originally founded to care for the boys and girls who were just confirmed, had scratched the surface of possibilities for this group which was its biggest opportunity.

The Luther League of America may not at this time be able to appreciate all the implications of this excellent presentation, but it cannot but be impressed with the candid fairness and straightforwardness of the man who is at the head of our United Lutheran Church. The Luther League feels itself very fortunate that it can plan and work with a man of such great ideals and far visions.

The sessions for the day were brought to a fitting close at the evening service when the theme thought of the day was presented by Rev. H. Grady Davis, New Augusta, Ind.

Christ Calls Youth—To Service

Friday morning brought to the convention Mr. George L. Rinkliff, the only layman on the entire program to give one of the chief addresses. His subject was "Factors in the Choice of a Life Work." Given from a strictly layman point of view the presentation had its feet on the ground all the time.

"We are living," said Mr. Rinkliff, "in a day when there is so much confusion that it is sometimes most difficult to be able to know just when we are making progress and when we are standing still or even sliding backwards. Sometimes we are much worried about the direction in which we are going."

"But, it is wise that we should take a long view of things on our day. We should not forget that our civilization is now the result of over 1000 years of growth. But from this vantage point we get a great challenge. Our civilization started with just two ideas, namely, a Christian standard of morality and a Christian ideal of love. Today, after all these years we have made no advancement which takes us beyond the two basic principles upon which we started, but that does not mean that they have been applied with their fullest meaning. That is the privilege of today's youth. It is the task to which your Christ is calling you."

The afternoon's Intermediate presentation was given by Rev. Alford R. Naus, Camden, N. J. His subject was "Today's Intermediates in Tomorrow's World." After having shown that today's Intermediates are the second chances for all adults who are willing to give time and direction to their development, Pastor Naus pointed four distinct phases of development which it is necessary to develop in today's Intermediates if they are to be tomorrow's leaders. These four fields are education, vocation, emancipation and re-creation.

Speaking of this third field for development, he declared, "The task of leaders, including parents, is to bring about such development of children that they shall at the earliest possible time be emancipated and freed of all necessity of leaning upon the judgment and decisions of their elders."

"If there is to be any vocational guidance," continued the speaker, "then we must have a clear idea of what constitutes a call. To this end I should like to offer such a definition. It consists of two parts. First, there must be a realization of a need, and second, there must be the realization that we have the physical, the mental, the spiritual ability to lessen that need." To present these needs to youth and then to direct the development of its ability to lessen these needs is the great opportunity of all who are privileged to give leadership to today's Intermediates.

The convention came to a close with the evening session on Friday. The concluding address on the day's theme was delivered by Rev. Dr. G. E. Swoyer, Mansfield, Ohio. Dr. Swoyer pointed out very clearly that there are many difficulties in Christian service. It is not to be expected that it is a bed of roses. But it is important that youth accept the call to hard work.

We were urged to be loyal to the leadership found in Christ and in that loyalty we should be led to the understanding of management of a better social order. "It is youth's privilege," Dr. Swoyer maintained, "to fight the war system, to re-interpret the industrial problems, and to give a new evaluation to the place of every man whom God has seen fit to create."

With the conclusion of this last presentation the convention was most reluctant to call the convention over. Inside and outside the building there were many groups remaining to talk over the high-lights and to re-evaluate the experiences of the week which has seemed all too short. Truly we had walked with the saints and our souls had breathed deeply of the spiritual atmosphere of the entire convention. And now our thoughts turn homeward where there would be so many things to be accomplished if the dreams of this convention should be brought into reality. Inwardly there was a little hope, a little prayer that we might be worthy of the task.

YOUTH EXPRESSED A DEEP INTEREST IN MISSIONS

The two Missionary Discussion Groups at the Convention, conducted by Miss Winnie Butt, were in the form of a "Clinic" and a "Panel." At the clinic the regular Missionary program of the League was discussed. The Seven Point Program, the duties of the Missionary Committee, the material for the monthly program and the Mission Study Books for next year, along with methods were presented. Misses Hazel Nannah and Mildred Gartelmann assisted in opening the discussions.

At the panel interesting discussions were held on the question of leaders, whether they were meeting the needs of the coming generation; on whether the radio was a help to missions; if the Home Missionary was necessary; the value of Missionary fellowship meetings and the Migrant problem. The group was fortunate in having Mr. H. Torrey Walker and Dr. M. J. Bieber lead in some of the discussions.

At the Missionary Hour on the program, the Convention was privileged to hear Rev. J. L. Fink, of India; Dr. L. Grady Cooper, of China, and Rev. M. L. Dolbeer, of India. Miss Mehlhouse and Rev. Wolf presented Missions for Juniors and Intermediates and Mr. A. H. Schaediger spoke on "How Are We Sharing Our Christian Heritage?" Miss Hazel Nannah brought brief findings of the Discussion Groups and Miss Butt closed by thanking the League for their splendid cooperation given her while Missionary Secretary and challenged the League to meet the new Konnarock project in the usual over-subscription way.

RELIGION AND YOUNG PEOPLE

(Editorial appearing in "The Sun," Springfield, Ohio,
July 7, 1937)

The meeting of the Luther League of the United Lutheran Church in America in Springfield, calls attention to a phase of contemporary American life which is not given much publicity outside of Church periodicals.

The frivolity and dissipation of modern youth receive much comment. A good deal is said from time to time about various non-religious uplift organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the 4-H Clubs, the C.C.C. program and so forth, but aside from the news stories which deal with such conventions as the present one, or notices of meeting and the life published in regular Church or society columns, the fact that hundreds of thousands of American young people are highly and devoutly interested in religion and active in the work of various denominations to which they belong gets scant attention and almost no comment.

We no longer hear much about the flapper and flaming youth, but when these types of young people were still attracting most attention, it is probable that an accurate survey of the situation would have shown them out-numbered by the young men and young women associated in the young people's organizations of the various religious denominations.

That which is light and superficial often attracts more attention than that which is solid and important. This has been the case with American young people. When to the valuable work achieved by the non-religious organizations mentioned above is added that of the young people's religious organizations there can be no doubt that the serious-purposed, high-minded youth of the country are to have much more effect upon the future than the other type.

This Luther League Convention, the 21st held, but the first to meet here in Springfield, has brought together representative young people from all parts of the country. These young people are influential in the various home communities from which they come. They, together with other young people of like religious ideals, members of similar organizations in other denominations, play a salutary part in maintaining high ideals of life.

Springfield is fortunate in being host to this convention this week, for, in addition to the good influence which high-minded young people have in their communities, when they assemble in such a group, they constitute an outstanding demonstration of the fact this editorial is intended to bring out, that large numbers of the best American young people are vitally interested in religious work.

Something to do in September

By Rev. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary, Parish and Church School Board

THIRTY days hath September. Thus begins the little rhyme that helps us remember the number of days in our months. **Thirty days hath September.** What shall we do during these thirty days? September is a school month. Everyone is thinking about school. The voices of little children are heard on the streets; the laughter of young people ripples down the great halls of high schools and colleges; the purses of mothers and fathers are being opened to buy books and clothes; everyone is education conscious.

At this appropriate time—September—the Church asks all departments of the congregations: the congregation itself, the Church Schools, the Luther Leagues, and all the other organizations to study, plan, and project fresh and vigorous educational programs. All agencies of the Church do some planning of their educational work at this time. The Church simply asks that all of these organizations give some special thought and work to this program and that the whole Church do it at the same time. There is inspiration in knowing that all over the Church, during September, everyone is doing his best to project the best possible educational program for the coming year.

To guide the workers of our congregations in this program, the Church has asked the Parish and Church School Board to plan a program for the congregations and promote this plan all over the Church. For three years the Board has done this. Each year the program has had a special emphasis. Last year this emphasis was **Leadership in Education**; this year the emphasis is: **Christian Literature and Christian Living**. The Church asks its congregations—all departments of the congregations—to study the literature which they are using, make changes where necessary, and plan to use this literature so as to develop the finest type of Christian living.

The Parish and Church School Board is suggesting a number of projects which may be promoted by the various educational agencies of the congregations. Some of these projects are especially appropriate for Luther Leaguers. A list of these projects is found in one of the folders which have been published to promote the whole educational program. A packet of these folders and other literature may be secured from the Board by writing the office, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. A few of the projects are listed and explained here.

1. Every member of the congregation Owning, Reading, and Studying the Bible. Bible study and Bible reading are given first place this year. Congregations may seek answers from all of their members on the following questions: Do you own a Bible? Do you read the Bible? Do you study the Bible? On the basis of the information secured, a helpful program may be arranged to increase Bible reading and study. A special folder, **"The One-Inch Book Shelf,"** suggesting helpful ways of reading and studying the Bible, has been prepared to help in promoting this project. This folder was prepared for general distribution to all members of the congregation, and may be secured from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa., at a cost of 65 cents per hundred. Other

helpful leaflets may be secured from The American Bible Society, Astor Place, New York, N. Y.

2. Re-study of all literature used in the Congregation.

The leaders of the congregation should know just what literature is being used in all schools and agencies of the congregation. They should know how satisfactory that literature is, and if it is not satisfactory, they should know what other literature the Church has to offer in its place. Three leaflets, **"Our Church's Literature for Work with Children,"** **"Our Church's Literature for Work with Young People,"** and **"Our Church's Literature for Work with Adults,"** are available on request.

3. Adoption of the New Guide in Parish Education.

This guide suggests a five-year progressive educational program for the congregation, and offers recognition to those congregations which improve their programs from year to year. It may be ordered from the United Lutheran Publication House at a reasonable price. A leaflet describing the guide is available.

4. Read **"The Lutheran"** or **"The Lutherischer Herold"** Campaigns.

These are the official papers of the Church. October 10-17 is Church Paper Week. Special inducements are offered to encourage subscriptions.

5. Luther's Small Catechism in Home and Church.

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PARISH EDUCATION MONTH

A special leaflet, "The Practical Possibilities of Luther's Catechism" is available on request. It was prepared to help congregations foster a wider and more helpful use of the catechism.

6. A Definite Increase in Sunday School Enrollment.

Last year was the first year in the history of the United Lutheran Church in America in which there was a loss in Sunday School enrollment. A special leaflet, "How Increase Sunday School Enrollment," has been prepared to assist in this project. Another leaflet, "Reaching the Unreached," was prepared several years ago. Copies of both leaflets are available on request.

7. The Use of Posters.

Pages 16 and 17, the center pages of the September issue of "The Parish School" magazine, will be in the form of a poster emphasizing "Christian Literature and Christian Living." Carefully remove these pages from the magazine, and post them in a conspicuous place in the Church. Additional posters are available on request.

Every organization in the congregation and every Sunday School class is urged to conduct a poster contest. Ask the individual members or the members as a

group to prepare a poster illustrating the theme, "Christian Literature and Christian Living." Give no prizes or awards but promise to post samples of the best in the Church or Sunday School building where such promotional materials are usually hung.

Every Luther League has an educational program and every Luther Leaguer is interested in the educational program of his League as well as the educational program of the whole congregation. Many Luther Leaguers are teachers or officers in Sunday Schools and officers in other educational agencies of the congregation. Studying, planning, and projecting the educational work of the congregation are right in line with the interest of every League and every Leaguer. Most of the projects suggested by the Parish and Church School Board for September are general, but most of them may also be applied and promoted in the various organizations of the congregation. The Luther League already urges owning, reading, and studying the Bible among its members. During September may it help to spread this program to all the Church. The Luther League has literature. Is it using this literature to the best advantage?

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HEADQUARTERS' WINDOW

WHAT a convention that was at Springfield! We were reminded of study, fellowship, worship and service in the call of Christ to youth. We were told of the needs of the Church, at home and abroad. We were reminded of our mercies, and asked to consecrate ourselves and every thought we have to Him who calls us to follow in the pathway of Christian life.

An Urge To Advance

It would be a great mistake, and a backward step, if those who were delegates and visitors to Springfield should allow themselves to forget or lose the spiritual influence of our recent convention. After an uplift there must be thought and study, or we will be like the man who returned to his house after it was cleansed and garnished, and became a worse man than before. Let us not be lukewarm, or forgetful, or unwilling, for we must have a blessing or we die. The fire of the convention should be carried by those who were present to those who are associated in the work of the League and in the Church, so that thereby a blessing may come to the individual congregation, which blessing shall pass on through the whole Church, to revive, encourage, and bring to life those who have been faithless and unwilling followers of our Great Leader, Christ.

Splendid Attendance

Did you note the attendance at the convention sessions and the attention given by those fine young people despite the high temperature that the thermometer registered? It was very gratifying to the Executive Committee and the officials to note the splendid attendance and being on time at the Quiet Moments preceding each session. No convention can be a success without prayer, and we believe that the quiet and the interest manifested were due largely to the spiritual thought with which each session began. We must not forget prayer

if we desire to succeed as individuals or as a League, and the Church will fail in its strength when she fails to observe the power in prayer.

An Appreciation

It was made a special resolution of the convention to extend the thanks of the delegates to the people of Springfield who had contributed so largely to our comfort and assisted in the success of the convention. A vote of deep appreciation and heart-felt thanks is extended to the Springfield Federation Committee and a recognition of the faithfulness of the members in serving, in season and out of season, so that by their earnest efforts the convention might be a great success, and encourage a new spirit for the future.

Wittenberg College and its official staff deserve our commendation and praise for their fine cooperation with the Springfield Committee in making our day of fellowship an experience long to be remembered.

The "willing mind" will always bring a joyful reception and a happy outcome in whatever way the entertainment is given to the delegates in any convention.

The Program

The program as carefully and prayerfully arranged and adopted by the Executive Committee for the Convention was interesting and helpful. The addresses presented by the speakers, both clerical and lay, were of a high order. The discussion groups under the direction of capable leaders revealed a keen interest in the Luther League, the Church, and the social problems. The request was made for more of this type of program at the next convention.

The Next Convention

The convention decided to accept the invitation of the Southern California District Luther League to hold the next convention at Long Beach, California, in 1939.



The Intermediate Department



Your "Uncle Bim" is loaded with a powerful lot of good news from the 21st Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America, which met in Springfield, Ohio, on five hot days from July 5th to 9th. Other editors will write about the convention in this and other issues of the Review and in many local, state and synodical news-sheets. They will stress this, that and the other thing, and rightly so, but I will stick to the one story that concerns us mostly, namely, the story of the activities of the Intermediates at the convention.

For a background for all I have to say there is before me a copy of a printed sheet, entitled "Intermediate Innings," which was distributed to all attending the convention and which contained the "doings" of the Intermediates at the convention. As the title of the sheet indicates our department went to bat before the convention for a full nine-inning demonstration of our prowess, program and presence. In fact the contest we engaged in was so hotly pursued that a few extra innings were necessary to finish the game. These extra innings came about when "yours truly" was called upon on several occasions to pinch-hit on the programs of the Missionary and Life Service Secretaries.

INNING BY INNING

"First Inning"

The first "inning" resulted in eight runs scored—all home runs, too. The occasion was the Rally and Debate, Friday morning in Third Lutheran Church. The rally end of our hard-hitting was attended by more than 150 Leaguers—young and old. The Church was gorgeously adorned with flowers, and the meeting was presided over by a gracious young lady by the name of Miss Virginia Morse, Chairman of Intermediate activities. With dimples and sweetness, Miss Virginia most capably performed her task. After a brief devotional service we were thrilled by a vocal solo from a talented 'teen age Miss by the name of Lois Walker. Following Miss Walker's soft and melodious voice came that of the "harsh howls" of Rev. R. J. Wolf, who welcomed those present and reviewed the chief reason for our gathering together to hear the eight Intermediates from all sections of the Church for the purpose of debating on the subject: "Resolved, That a Christian Cannot Engage in War of Any Kind." Listed below appear the names and other information concerning the eight debaters; but to tell the story on a Remington Portable of the quality of the debates, the convincing arguments of the debaters, and the spirit manifested in the contest, is a matter to be reserved for future writings, inasmuch as this is being written in haste and heat at Lake Wauwasee, Indiana, where busy days are calling me in the interests of the annual Summer School of the Michigan and Indiana Synodical Church workers. But before listing the eight names we must herewith announce the winners of the debate. To Miss Phyllis Swoyer, Ohio's representative, went first honors; and to Miss Alma H. Nolt, Pennsylvania's defender, was given second honors; with honorable and well-deserved mention to each of the other contestants. And now for the names of the eight debaters, as follows:

1. Mr. William Pagels, Holy Trinity, Flint, Michigan. Representing Michigan Luther League.
2. Miss Alma H. Nolt, St. Paul's, Lititz, Pa. Representing Pennsylvania Luther League.
3. Mr. Edward Balles, Epiphany, Baltimore, Md. Representing Maryland Luther League.
4. Miss Dorothy Kreppert, Hope-Epiphany, Chicago, Ill. Representing Illinois Luther League.
5. Mr. William Ehrensperger, Christ, Birmingham, Ala. Representing Georgia-Alabama Luther League.
6. Mr. Robert Stoudemire, Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, S. C. Representing South Carolina Luther League.
7. Miss Olga Kaufer, St. James, New York City. Representing New York Luther League.
8. Miss Phyllis Swoyer, First, Columbus, Ohio. Representing Ohio Luther League.

The Judges of the Debate were: Rev. P. L. Mellenbruch, Pastor, Third Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Frease, Director of Education and Young People's Work for Ohio; Rev. A. R. Naus, S.T.M., Camden, N. J.; Mr. Harry Hodges, Executive Secretary, Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief; and Mr. Erle Greiner, Zanesville, Ohio.

While the judges were unknotting a knotty problem the Rally was delightfully entertained by Miss Margarite Haeseler and her violin. The radio has its "Rubinoff and his violin," but we had our "Margarite and her violin," and how Margarite can play!

Next on the program was the offering, which amounted to \$14.00 and which becomes the Intermediate Department's first contribution to the Konnarock objective. You'll hear more and much about this new objective, so keep your ears and eyes and pocket-books open. With the announcement of winners, the singing of the Intermediate Rally Hymn and benediction we repaired outside for a photograph, which feature was listed as the "Second Inning."

"The Third Inning"

From the outside we came inside again and downstairs into the basement of Third Church for the Intermediate Luncheon. The crowd attending what proved to be a most delicious meal numbered over 250. Favors consisted of many colored "Scotty Dogs" tied together by a string that encircled the inside of each table. Programs and other hand-made "nick-nacks" were on hand for each mealer. The rooms (two in number) were neatly decorated. Greetings were conveyed by Secretaries Kinports and Miss Mehlhouse, by President John George Kurzenknabe, and Miss Virginia Morse. Readings were given by Misses Mary and Betty Todhunter, one speaking in one room, the other in t'other. Both young ladies were funny, fine and forceful. Your "Uncle Bim" was presented with a beautifully engraved belt buckle (with belt) and tie chain.

"The Fourth Inning"

Friday was the Intermediates' big day, and like a ball game the "innings" passed in quick order. With the

Luncheon still sticking in our teeth we hurried back to the Convention Church for our fourth inning. At 2:30 we were swinging our bats. First on the Intermediate Program before the entire delegation was Rev. Erwin S. Spees, Intermediate Secretary of Ohio. Rev. Spees brought the greetings of the Ohio 'teeners, whereupon he introduced the writer, who in turn introduced the eight debaters, presenting the girls with a chain and cross and the boys with a Luther League pin. A Luther League "Memory Book" was then presented to Misses Swoyer and Nolt, the two winners of the debate. Close upon this followed the hearing of the two debate winners. Then came a timely and telling 'teeners' talk by Rev. Alford R. Naus, Pastor of Temple Lutheran Church, Camden, N. J. The singing of the Intermediate Rally Hymn ended a most profitable three-quarters of an hour.

"Fifth Inning"

Now, we'll have to go back as to time and review several of the extra innings not on the Intermediate Innings sheet. The first of these occurred on Wednesday night at the banquet when "Uncle Bim" was pressed into service as song leader of the 870 noisy "noisters," and to sing his famous A. B. C. sermon, in the act of which he lost his voice and failed to convert one sinner that needed repentance.

"Sixth Inning"

Another one of the pinch-hitting acts staged by you through me was on Thursday afternoon in connection with the Missionary Program, when with a "cracked" voice we struggled through with a ten-minute account of the missionary phase of the Intermediate program and activities.

"Seventh Inning"

Now we're back into Friday and the time is "just after" the Intermediate program. Like the Missionary presentation you were heard through me on the Life Service program on "The Intermediates and Life Service."

"Eighth Inning"

And now we're downstairs in the basement of the Convention Church and behold, we see many interesting exhibits on the Intermediate side of the Luther League fence. Chief among these was the "Hobby Fair." This consisted of a large raised lettered sign that read, "Now This Is My Hobby—What's Yours?" Under this appeared six large placards, size 2½ by 4 feet, one each for the following hobbies: photography, match lables, stamps, Christmas seals, covers and "Hobby Articles" written by Uncle Bim. There was also a framed set of coins found by Uncle Bim. These coins ranged from pennies to five-dollar bills, with the latter denominational green-backs merely designated (these having been spent to buy the baby several new pairs of shoes.) A series of pictures of The Lutheran Camp in Kansas, several fine posters, a beautifully hand-worked Luther League emblem, etc., etc., added greatly to our visual and silent, but most interesting display.

"Ninth Inning"

The "Ninth Inning" here listed was the "Sixth Inning" on the Intermediate Innings sheet. This was in the nature of a talk on "Now My Hobby Is This," by Uncle Bim, but the press of business on the convention floor put the talk in the pickle vat until we go to Long Beach, California, in 1939.

"Tenth Inning"

The batting done during this inning spread itself all over the four days and five nights of the convention, for in this inning we were called upon at anytime, anywhere and everywhere to smile on everybody and be smiled upon by everybody. There may have been a few scratch hits during this long inning, but if there were, we know that Dr. Milton J. Bieber, who holds the enviable record of having attended every national and international convention of the Luther League of America, wasn't the fellow that made them. His smile was from ear to ear all the time, and if we're informed correctly, his snores at night were from one end of Springfield to the other. Some day our Department will call Dr. Bieber our own, but until such time as he grows out of the Junior age we'll have to be content and let him remain a Junior.

"Eleventh Inning"

Your Uncle Bim has travelled over this here continent of ours by every conceivable method of transportation, including a ride in the "Black Maria" (police wagon) with Rev. O. F. Blackwelder, of Washington, one rainy day in Reading, Pennsylvania, but not until the Springfield Luther League Convention did he ever ride with a trailer on the back of his automobile. Yes, dear family, we are now in that nomadic class known as the "Trailerites." And how we're enjoying the experience, too! While at Springfield we were set down on the campus of Wittenberg College, right behind the dormitory of Hamma Divinity School. The ground we were on was holy ground, even though the Allentown delegation occupied the dormitory. The five occupants in the four-occupant trailer from Harrisburg to Springfield were: Uncle Bim, Aunt Rachel, his wife, Betty, his daughter, Miss Nolt, Pennsylvania's debate representative, and Mrs. Miriam F. Swavely, of Reading, who was taken along as ballast. Miriam is one of those chunky bits of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, sized 2 by 4, measured in feet, not inches. We were only one night on the road, so Miriam slept on the rear cushion of the car which was placed on the floor of the trailer and levelled off with packages of convention programs. The programs did the trick and now Miriam can boast of being the best thing on the outside of the program.

And now our house on wheels is set down on the grounds of the Oakwood Assembly, but only the three Wolfs are its occupants. The activities bringing me here are in connection with the annual Summer School of the Michigan and Indiana Synods. Sessions begin Tuesday (that's tomorrow) morning, July 13th. My duties consist of an hour daily as leader of young people, two hours daily as director of recreation, one hour on Thursday as director of "Stunt Night," and "minute-man" for any other chores assigned to me.

At the time of writing this on a borrowed Remington Portable, for use of which I paid \$1.00, the Third Annual Youth Conference of the Michigan and Indiana Synods is taking place. The conference began last evening (Sunday) with a Communion Service, and runs through today with a full program of devotionals, talks and conferences on youth problems, winding up with a banquet tonight. Before leaving Springfield I knew nothing of this Youth Conference, nor after arriving here on late Saturday night, nor yet all day Sunday. Having arrived here pretty much the worse for wear

(the other two in the family no better off) we decided to have a grand loaf over Sunday and Monday. Sunday night came. It was 7:30 P. M. when music came to our ears from the auditorium. Whereupon I remarked to Mrs. Wolf, "I'm going over to the services." She rebutted, "No, you're not." So, on the davenport of our trailer I stayed, garbed in light apparel (temperature being 93). Inside of 15 minutes I heard familiar music, that of our Lutheran Communion Service, whereupon I remarked, "That's Lutheran singing and I'm going over." Throwing on a soiled blue shirt and tie I went over, accompanied by Mrs. Wolf. Yes, it was a Lutheran service, attended by as near to 175 youth taking communion as my knowledge of mathematics would permit. Hastily, I left and put on other clothing and returned to listen to the preacher and participate in the Holy Sacrament. After the services were over I was spotted and introduced. Today I was given ten minutes to bring greetings from the Luther League of America and tell a few high spots of the convention. So, my Monday's rest day was somewhat shattered. Between putting up my exhibits and putting out the Luther League literature and writing this long letter to you (it is now 4:30 and I'm ready for a swim) I feel that a good day was spent for the glory of the Luther League, and that, in spite of the ignorance not of my own.

Finally

Hearty thanks to all who made the Intermediate "Innings" at Springfield so successful and interesting and profitable. Thanks also to those eight fine debating youth, and to the many leaders of Intermediates in attendance for their presence, as well as to the fine group of 'teen agers there. Yes, in the words of former President C. C. Dittmer, "It's a great thing to be a Luther Leaguer."

Affectionately,

THE JOKE WAS ON ME

(By Miss Frieda Hoh, R. N., Porto Rico)

Since the beginning of the year it has been my privilege to attend the services and to help with the work of the Mission in Monteflores. Surely you all know that Monteflores was the project of the Luther League of America several years ago. A new congregation was organized, new activities were started and as a result, the Church of the Good Shepherd has all the many societies that the Churches in the States have. When I first went to Monteflores, I attended one of the meetings of the Intermediate League. After the meeting I wanted to speak to one of the boys, and as I had heard him called by the name of one of the hurricanes. I said: "Cipriano." You see, the hurricanes in Puerto Rico are named after the saint on whose day it occurs. In 1932 we had the San Cipriano hurricane, shortly after the Monteflores Training School was built. So, naturally, I connected Monteflores and the San Cipriano hurricane and the name of the boy all together. But the boy made no response. Again I called him, but again he refused to listen. Then I began to think what could be the matter, and realized that his name was Ciriaco, the name of the

famous hurricane of 1898. So the joke was on me. Ciriaco is but one of the many fine young boys at Monteflores. Whether it be in the Sunday School or the Luther League or any other activity of the Church, you may be sure to find some splendid material among our young people and though we do not have an actual training school for Christian workers, we are really training our youth in Christian principles and preparing them for service in the Master's Kingdom.

Another occurrence at Monteflores may be of interest to you. During the year 1937 our Light Brigades are taking an imaginary trip around the world and we are visiting our little friends in the different countries. The first meeting was announced to the children in the form of a trip. Each child was to bring an offering to pay for the ticket. The handwork was a design of a train, a boat and a bus, by means of which we were going to take the trip. The teacher began by telling the children of the plans, and when she mentioned the trip, a little girl came quietly up to the teacher and said: "Please, teacher, I'll have to go home first and ask permission to go away from home." Again the joke was on me, for I had not reckoned on the strong imagination of these little ones. But again I say: We are training even the smallest ones in good Christian principles, and we hope that the fruits of our labors may be realized in the youth of tomorrow.

The Monteflores does not have an organized Young Women's Society, the senioritas of Good Shepherd invited all the other groups to come there for the annual congress for young women. About 160 Lutheran young women were present. The theme of the congress, "Serve the Lord," was carried out in the devotions, in the songs and the contests. And Monteflores got the first prize for the best poster on the congress theme. Our young women are being trained for the future, and we hope that their present interest and enthusiasm may continue to increase and make itself manifest throughout their whole life. When I held up the prize-winning poster, not knowing myself to which society it belonged. I was certainly surprised when Monteflores claimed it as their own. Again the joke was on me.

SOMETHING TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

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tage? During September may the Leagues study their literature and attempt to make the best possible use of it. Luther Leaguers are interested in the literature used in other organizations of the Church, especially the Sunday School. May they study this literature, make changes where necessary, and finally make the best use of that which is adopted. Parish education is a program for the whole congregation. It is a program with power where properly used.

There is power in the printed page, but those printed pages must be in the hands of people and must be read, studied and followed. Boys and girls, young people, men and women need direction in their reading and studying. The Church has a great program of literature: leaflets, folders, pamphlets, booklets, periodicals, magazines, books. The Church calls upon its workers and its congregations to study this literature, to plan for its effective use, to convert these pages of power into Christian living.



THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT



THE JUNIORS AT SPRINGFIELD



Front Row, left to right: June Marsh, St. Luke's, Springfield, presiding at Junior Rally; Virginia Marsh; Susanne Ward, with "Miss Junior Luther League of America, 1937;" Donald Ward; Jack Irwin.

Back Row, left to right: Nora Mae Judy; Donna Rice, with "Miss Junior Luther League of America, 1931;" Eloise Grube in Japanese costume, and Betty Phares, Rockway Juniors, with dolls from Japan; Jack Jones; Janet Hagele and Maxine Hanley, in Chinese costume, with the China banner used in the missionary presentation on Wednesday night.

When the delegations arrived at Springfield and opened their envelopes received at the registration desk, they found in them blotters in the shape of our Junior Luther League insignia, in the League colors and decorated with the League emblem.

"We just knew the Juniors would do something." we heard one delegate say—and from that moment until the end of the convention, they were doing something every minute.

The Junior Exhibit

In the basement of the Church had been set up the Junior Exhibit.

A fine lot of work illustrating the various projects studied by the Juniors had been sent by the various States.

There was fine work by the Little Leaguers; Luther Scrap Books from Georgia-Alabama; Bible notebooks from New Jersey; Missionary color work from the Kentucky-Tennessee and Indiana Juniors; African material from Maryland.

New York sent posters and work on the Church; Ohio contributed posters advertising the meetings, Honor Rolls, etc; Nebraska work on the American Indian; Pennsylvania had a display on China and posters on the Topics.

West Virginia with posters on Mexico; Wisconsin on Story Telling; Canada on Hymn Study; Texas with Reading Course essays and posters; and Puerto Rico with large Luther League and Bible posters, a model of a native house, and various native articles, completed the Exhibit.

A large Honor Roll with all Gold Star Junior Leagues listed was also posted in the Exhibit room.

The Doll Show

A project to send dolls to the little girls at Oesterlen Home, just outside of Springfield, was most successful.

About forty dolls were sent by Junior Leagues over the country, and these were the centre of attraction in the middle of the Exhibit room.

There were big dolls and little dolls, Chinese dolls and African dolls, baby dolls, all kinds of dolls in the collection. Nancy Mehlhouse, niece of the Junior Secretary, loaned a dozen from her collection of foreign dolls, and Miss Lillian Heisey, of Springfield, loaned her collection gathered on a trip abroad. Two fine Japanese dolls were loaned by Rev. Louis Gray, our returned missionary to Japan.

The Chinese doll, Ming Toy, from Redeemer, Vancouver, B.C., was voted "Mr. Columbia District;" the doll from Ascension, Savannah, Georgia, "Miss Georgia-Alabama;" the one from St. Mark's, Uniondale, Ind., "Miss Indiana;" a doll dressed as the Little Colonel, from Grace, Louisville, "Miss Kentucky-Tennessee;" Gretchen, from St. John's, East Riverdale, "Miss Maryland;" the doll from Holy Trinity, Flint, "Miss Michigan;" "Bunny," from Our Saviour, Jersey City, as "Miss New Jersey;" Baby Brenda from Fourth, Springfield, as "Miss Ohio;" the doll from Grace, Rochester, as "Miss Pennsylvania;" the colored family from Ebenezer, Columbia, as "Miss South Carolina;" the twins from St. Luke's, San Antonio, as "Miss Texas;" the doll from First, Parkersburg, as "Miss West Virginia;" the doll from New Dundee as "Miss Canada;" and Carmen, from Puerto Rico, as "Miss Puerto Rico."

From these dolls, at State leaders, was selected "Miss Junior Luther League of America, 1937"—and this honor went to the doll sent by Holy Trinity Junior League, Flint, Michigan. We congratulate them.

The Toy Shower

We also had a Toy Shower—to care for the thirty Junior boys at the Home.

New York and Texas Juniors were asked to send these—and a fine lot of toys were sent.

Marble sets, pencil boxes, crayon sets, balloons, kites, aeroplanes, balls, tops, games, books, tablets and pencils—a fine lot was piled high on the table around the dolls.

Holy Trinity New York City; Trinity, Rochester; Redeemer, Buffalo; St. Jacobi, Brooklyn; St. Stephen's, Brooklyn; Good Shepherd, South Ozone Park; and St. Andrew's, Brooklyn, were the New York Juniors helping.

And First, United, Dallas; First, Galveston; St. Luke's, Antonio; Trinity, Victoria, and Swiss Alps, La Grange; all of Texas helped equally, and other boxes coming from the Altoona District Juniors and Trinity, Norristown, of the Pennsylvania League.

State Secretaries

On Tuesday evening the State Junior Secretaries attending the convention enjoyed a dinner at the Springfield Country Club.

The place cards were paper dolls in Dresden colors, the favors pink heart sachets, Luther League book-marks and autograph books. Those present were Miss Lois Hoover, Pacific Northwest Junior Secretary; Miss Carolina Pieper, Illinois Secretary; Mrs. Paul Miller, Ohio Junior Secretary; Miss Frances Ahalt, Maryland Secretary; Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, Pennsylvania Junior Secretary; Miss Dorothy Vick, an ex-Junior Secretary of Illinois; the National Junior Secretary; and Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, pioneer Junior worker.

China

At the missionary presentation on Wednesday night, two Juniors in Chinese costume, carried a banner in yellow, showing the Juniors' contribution to our China Objective—\$421.95.

Junior Day

Thursday was "Junior Day" and the Juniors were busy with their Junior Rally—the Junior Luncheon and the Junior Presentation before the Convention.

The Junior Rally

The Junior Rally was held in St. Luke's Church and was well attended by Juniors and workers.

June Marsh, President of St. Luke's, Springfield, Junior League, was in charge.

The Worship Period on "The Good Shepherd," was in charge of St. Luke's Juniors, led by Carol Gast.

June Marsh gave the address of welcome, and the response was made by Frieda Elizabeth Gernert, of First, Nashville, Tenn., Junior League.

Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, Pennsylvania Junior Secretary, made the awards.

She presented "Miss Luther League of America, 1937" and the 1931 Doll—and other special dolls—a candy vender from Puerto Rico, a German bride, dressed by St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; a Pied Piper doll from First, Mansfield, Ohio, and Carmen of Puerto Rico. The China banner was exhibited and one sent by the Puerto Rico Juniors was accepted by Carol Gast in behalf of the Springfield Juniors.

Ribbons for the best lots of toys went to Altoona District; First of Puerto Rico; Red, best character doll—German bride, St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; White, most original doll—Pied Piper, First, Mansfield, Ohio; Blue, largest doll—Luther Memorial, Baltimore, Md.; Gold, finest doll—Holy Trinity, Flint, Michigan.

Ribbons for the best lots of toys went to Altoona District; First, Galveston, Texas; Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.; First, Galveston, Texas; and Holy Trinity, New York City.

Five ribbons for the five best displays in the State exhibits were awarded to: Black, Maryland, for their Africa display; Red, New York, for their posters on the Church; White, to Pennsylvania Juniors, for their Topics posters and China material; Blue, to the Little Leaguers; and Gold, to Puerto Rico, Juniors, for their fine Luther League and Bible posters.

Five dollars for the best Reading Course essay was awarded to Weldon Bauer, of Galveston, Texas, and the new set of Reading Course books for the best record on the Course to Altoona District—with 11 Leagues, 293 Juniors using every book.

Visiting Juniors presented the exercises: The 1937 Junior Reading Course, Richard Kect, Harrisburg, Pa.; The 1938 Reading Course, Columbus, Ohio, Juniors; Musical numbers, Glenwood, Toledo, Juniors; Luther's Coat of Arms, Donald Ross, Westwood, Dayton, Ohio; "Wanted: A Leader," Columbus, Ohio, Juniors; Playlet, "Let's Be Friends," First, Mansfield, Ohio, Juniors, Martha Jane Davidson, Norma Jane Stewart, Dorothy Ohler, Phyllis Botsch, Limly.

Springfield Juniors gave the following: "Jesus Loves Me," Little Leaguers; "Junior League Aims," Third, Springfield; Solo, Evelyn Overholser; Missionary Dialogue, Japan and America, Rockway Juniors; Parable of the Talents, First, Springfield; Pantomime, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," St. Luke's; Pageant, "Choosing To Serve," Oesterlen Junior League.

The offering—\$8.00—was given to the new Missionary Objective. Greetings were brought: from the Diaconate, Sister Alma Boarts; from a Missionary, Rev. Louis Gray; from Pastors, Dr. C. P. Harry; from Rev. I. W. Gernert, of Nashville, Tenn.; from Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr; and from the Junior Secretary.

Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Crowell, Pastor of St. Luke's, closed the rally.

The Juniors received badges, book-marks, arm bands, Luther League emblems and candy from Puerto Rico.

The Junior Luncheon

was held in the Field House at Wittenberg College, with over two hundred attending.

Favors galore filled the tables. Thermometers were the special memento. There were also menu booklets cut in the shape of Ohio, and large packages containing about thirty sample invitations to Junior meetings.

After a bounteous meal, a Birthday Party was enjoyed, celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of the first Junior League organized—Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brief greetings were brought by a number connected with the League: Miss Madlyn Hill, for the Juniors; Miss Rose Heurich, Pittsburgh Junior Secretary, and Mrs. John George Kurzenkabe, in behalf of the Junior Training Class which evolved from this League.

Mrs. Ralph Swavely then called forward the leader, Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, and in behalf of the Pennsylvania Juniors presented him with a book containing a brief history of the Junior League during the forty years and with forty brand new dollar bills as a testimonial to his service in the Junior Department.

A large birthday cake with 40 pink candles was lighted, and the concluding refreshment was an individual cake for each with one pink candle, and block ice cream, white with "40" in pink.

The Junior Presentation

The work of the Junior Department was presented to the whole convention on Thursday afternoon.

Master Wilfred Pearson, Jr., of Bethel Junior League, Detroit, Michigan, was the representative of the Juniors and announced the presentation.

The first number was a pageant, "Choosing To Serve," on Life Service, by the Junior League of Oesterlen Home. Reverently and carefully, in a candlelight exercise, they portrayed the various callings into which they hoped to enter. The Ministry, the Diaconate, and the humbler callings of every day life were all pictured in costume.

Second came a paper, "The Juniors in Training," read by Master Richard Weidle, of Westwood, Dayton, Ohio, showing program of the Junior League and the training the Juniors receive.

Next came an exercise, "God's Garden of Flowers," by the Springfield Juniors. Led by Miss Martha Allbeck as reader, the Juniors were likened to a garden, and as each State and part of the work was called, Juniors in paper flower costumes came forth with signs showing the number of Juniors in each State, until the whole group resembled a real garden of flowers.

The presentation was concluded by a brief message from the National Junior Secretary who outlined the Junior program and stressed its contribution to the general scheme of religious education for children.

At the conclusion of the program one of the Juniors from Glenwood, Toledo, on behalf of the Juniors, presented Miss Mehlhouse with a gold cross and a corsage of flowers.

Space forbids reporting more. Next month we hope to give some of the more serious work done by the Juniors.

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

A NOTE FROM CHINA

Our China Objective is "over the top" by \$1,000.

We hope to help other Chinese children with our gift of \$11,000.



Wang Li Mer was a little Tai Tung Chen girl who helped her widowed mother earn a living by picking coal off the railroad tracks. One day she did not get out of the way in time and the engine ran over her leg. She was carried into the hospital almost lifeless. Dr. Chang amputated what was left of the leg and she was a prize patient for over a year before she was well enough to go home. She walks with a wooden leg.

The leg amputation happened five years ago and now Li Mer is sixteen and has come to the hospital to help in the linen room, making dressings and cotton balls and rolling bandages. Her mother, a sister and brother make a living now by making and selling bean cakes at the cigarette factory during the noon hour.

L. REICH

NEWS!—FROM EVERYWHERE—NEWS!



Youth Conference at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, July 11-12, 1937

INDIANA

The Indiana Luther League met in its Fortieth Annual Convention June 14-16, in Grace Lutheran Church, Elkhart, Rev. J. Daniel Brosy, D.D., pastor. The convention was opened by a devotional service with the President, Rev. Allen K. Trout, preaching the sermon upon the subject, "Youth Building Upon Drifting Sand or Upon the Eternal Rock." Dr. Brosy was liturgist.

The Fortieth Anniversary was marked by a banquet with Rev. J. S. Albert, Past President of the State League, as speaker. His theme was, "The League of Yesterday," and during his address he recounted the activities of the League from the time of its organization in 1895, to the present. Grace Luther League, under the direction of Miss Stocking, presented the Intermediates in a play entitled "The Pest." Other specials were Raymond Courter, rendering several piano solos, the male quartet, the introduction of the various newly elected officers, the cutting of the anniversary cake and "John George" with his new songs.

Speakers at the convention were: Mr. John George Kurzenkabe, President of the Luther League of America, who had two hours upon the program and a question hour; Rev. H. E. Turney, D.D., "Our Church," Rev. A. H. Abplanalp and Rev. Olen Peters. Intermediates, directed by Miss Mildred Oakes, spoke at the afternoon session. Paul Johnson, Jeannette Fortino and Mariana Spade took part.

High Lights: The announcing of the payment in full of the China Objective by the State Luther League. The reception of three new Leagues into the State—St. John's, North Liberty; St. John's, Kokomo and St. Paul's, Milan. The visit to the C. G. Conn Co., manufacturers of musical instruments. The ovation which "John George" received as he bade the convention farewell. The responses of the newly-elected officers to the Toastmaster. The high spiritual tone of the convention. Recommendations of note were passed. One dealing with the study and dedicating youth energy to the whole program of the whole Church. Another dealing with the turning over of the work of the Junior League to the new agency, the Women's Missionary Society. Another promoting a Sustaining Membership Shower at the new convention. Another setting up an oratorical contest within the State League. Finally that Rev. Paul M. Kinports be congratulated upon his receiving the D.D. Degree.

The next convention will be held at Wawasee in conjunction with the Summer School of Indiana Synod.

Officers for next year are: President, Rev. Allen K. Trout; Vice-President, Dorothy Emerson; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Emrick; Treasurer, Miss Marie Wetzel; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ada Stocking. Miss Margery Warren was elected to the Executive Committee.

ALLEN K. TROUT

NEW YORK

With the temperature reading over 90 degrees for the entire convention, the Luther League of New York State held its annual meeting in Albany, May 28-31, 1937. The convention was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Rev. T. O. Posselt, D.D., Pastor. The total registration numbered around 275, with well over 200 visitors. The convention was the 44th annual meeting of the State League, which is the oldest Lutheran State Young People's League in our country.

The convention opened on Friday evening at 8 o'clock with a Vesper Service, in charge of the Pastor loci, Rev. Posselt. Rev. Andrew L. Dillenbeck, D.D., President of Eastern Conference of New York Synod, brought the conference greetings to the delegates. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles W. Deitzell, President of Hartwick College, Oneonta. Dr. Deitzell brought a stirring message to the delegates and challenged them to carry out the theme of the convention, "Youth Serves Christ."

After the Vesper Service a reception by the host District, Eastern, was given the young people. The mayor of the City of Albany, Hon. John Boyd Thacher, II., welcomed the Leaguers to the capital city of the Empire State. Many of the pastors present were introduced and our national President, John George Kurzenkabe, led the group in community singing. The business sessions opened on Saturday morning at the Convention Church. The devotions were led by the convention chaplain, Rev. Henry H. Wahl, of Hudson. The morning suffrages were used. The convention was greeted by the convention chairman, Mr. Mollenkopf. The response was given by the Vice-President of the State League, Miss Borgstede. The business session was conducted by the State President, Howard L. Logan.

The reports of the various officers and the nominating committee were given in the morning session.

The first conference period on the theme, "Youth Serves Christ—Through Education," was led by Mr. John George Kurzenkabe, President of the Luther League of America. The conference was followed by the Intermediate Luncheon held in the Parish Hall of the Church. About 200, many of them Intermediates, lunched together. The meeting was in charge of Miss Florence Benoit, Eastern District Intermediate Secretary.

The afternoon session was devoted to business until 3:15 when the second conference period was held. The theme was broadened by Dr. Clarence Krumboltz, Executive Secretary of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church. His topic was "Youth Serves Christ—Through Missions." Dr. Krumboltz urged us not to divide Missions into the three common divisions—Foreign, Home and Inner. After this conference the delegates were taken in a scenic tour to Thacher Park in the Helderberg Mountains, a State Park.

The Fellowship Banquet, the highlight of the convention, was held on Saturday evening, in the Parish Hall of the Trinity Methodist Church, Albany. There were 350 present and a very fine meal was enjoyed by all. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Frederick H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church in America. We were happy to have our President with us and the message he brought was of unusual interest and value to all. Dr. Knubel spoke on the convention text, II Chronicles 29:11, saying that the "Lord has chosen us." The Church is the only thing with a future according to Dr. Knubel. An entertainment by the local Leagues with a Luther League hay-ride and a "Questions and Answers" program by the pastors.

On Sunday morning the delegates attended the various Lutheran Churches in the city. On Sunday afternoon, a religious drama, entitled "The Rock," was presented by the Baronet Dramatic Club, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Johnstown, Rev. Wilmer M. Zuehlke, pastor. A special musical program was offered by the choir of the First Lutheran Church where the drama was held. Remember, folks, the temperature was about 90 and yet all sessions were well attended.

On Sunday evening the Communion Service was held for the delegates to the convention. The officiating clergy were the pastor loci, Rev. Posselt, and Rev. C. E. Frontz, D.D., pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Albany. The speaker for the Communion Service was Dr. Samuel G. Trexler, former President of the New York Synod. Dr. Trexler spoke on the "Love of God that Constrains Us."

On Monday morning the business sessions continued under the direction of the President. Reports of committees and secretaries were heard and acted upon at these sessions. The Intermediate Debate was held as a part of the Senior convention. The subject was, "Resolved, That a Christian Cannot Engage in War of Any Kind." Interest was high in the debate because the winner will represent New York at the National Convention. Miss Olga Kaufer, St. James Lutheran Church, New York City, was the winner.

The closing session of the convention was held on Monday afternoon. Business was concluded and the address for the final session was given by Rev. Paul Hoh, Parish and Church School Board, Philadelphia. The new officers were installed by the convention chaplain. The new officers are: President, Howard L. Logan, Albany; Vice-President, Miss J. Dorothy Borgstede, White Plains; Recording Secretary, Miss Louise Henke, Bellaire; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Doran, Syracuse; Treasurer, Mr. Raymond C. Dohne, Syracuse. Syracuse was selected as the site for the next convention in 1938.

From the reports of officers, committees and secretaries, all felt that New York State had a fine year. We oversubscribed our China project by 100 dollars. Reports from our local Leagues were encouraging. The convention was a very representative one.

HOWARD LOGAN

VIRGINIA

Tuesday evening, June 22, found approximately 172 Luther Leaguers gathered at College Lutheran Church, Salem, for the Sixteenth Annual Luther League Convention of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. The convention theme, "Learning To Live," was presented through addresses, group conferences, and social activities.

At the opening session Dr. Mary Markley, Student Secretary of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America, addressed the convention on the subject, "Learning To Lead." A communion service followed with Rev. H. J. Rhyne, Rev. Martin Shaner and Rev. Carl Honeycutt as Administrants. At the close of the opening session the local Leaguers carried out the theme, "Learning To Live With Others," in an attractive Japanese reception.

Wednesday morning, June 23, at the Quiet Moments period, the chaplain, Rev. J. K. Cadwallader, of Wytcheville, brought a message on "Learning To Pray As Jesus Prayed."

The business session was used for the reports of officers and routine business. John George Kurzenknebe, President of the Luther League of America, brought greetings to the convention from the Luther League of America. After the business session the following group conferences were held: "Learning To Labor," led by Rev. Luther Mauney, of Pulaski; "Learning To League," led by John George Kurzenknebe; and "Learning To Lead," led by Rev. J. B. Baker, D.D., of York, Pa.

At the luncheon hour the Junior Luther League of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the South presented a program for the entertainment of the convention.

Wednesday afternoon, at the Quiet Moments period, the chaplain brought a message on "Learning To Love As Jesus Loved." Following the Quiet Moments period Rev. Ralph Tabor, of Middletown, Md., addressed the convention on the theme, "Learning To Live Expectantly."

The convention then proceeded to the election of the following officers: President, Frances V. Miller, Shenandoah; Vice-President, Margaret Sue Copenhagen, Marion; Secretary, Edith M. Richardson, Salem; Treasurer, Marie McDaniel, Norfolk; Statistician, Edgar Neas, Knoxville, Tenn.

The convention banquet was held at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, on Wednesday evening, with approximately 185 Leaguers present. The theme of the banquet, "Learning To Laugh and Last," was carried out in the splendid program of fun, fellowship and inspiration. Tall stories, handshaking contests and group singing helped the Leaguers to learn to "Laugh and Last." Rev. J. B. Baker, D.D., of York, Pa., was the banquet speaker and brought a very inspiring message. The toastmaster was Mr. John Dasu Longaker, of Salem.

The Chaplain opened the Thursday morning session with a message on the theme, "Learning To Serve As Jesus Served." The business session was taken up with reports, the awarding of Intermediate and Senior certificates, greetings from Roanoke College and from the Luther League of South Carolina. A revised Constitution and By-Laws were adopted.

Roanoke College was host to the convention on Thursday afternoon and the Leaguers enjoyed a tour of the campus, the swimming pool, moving pictures and other entertainment.

The Lutheran Orphan Home of the South entertained the convention at supper and the children of the Home presented a program for the enjoyment of the Leaguers.

At the luncheon hour the Intermediate Leaguers presented a program of entertainment for the convention.

The closing session of the convention was held Thursday evening with Rev. Roy T. Troutman, of Lexington, in charge of the Vesper Service. Rev. Ralph Tabor addressed the convention on the subject, "Learning To Live Victoriously." An impressive candlelight installation service for the newly-elected and appointed officers closed the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Virginia Synod.

The Intermediate group had its own program and held separate sessions. There were twenty-two registered Intermediate delegates.

Numerically the convention was the largest in the history of the Luther League of the Synod of Virginia. The exceptionally fine spirit of fellowship and devotion manifested prompted the delegates' unanimous vote that it was "the best ever."

EDITH M. RICHARDSON

HIDDEN TREASURES

Why must we poor mortals only too often fail to grasp the fine things of life that appear on our horizons as we journey along? And youth, those who must take before it is too late, seem most prone to this fault.

The Luther League program is a real opportunity to the average young person who comes in contact with it and yet, how many see it when it is too late? We suggest that this convention is the time to keep your eyes open so that the reality of the value of our youth program may find its way into your very being.

Put yourself into this thing and you will reap a harvest valuable not only to yourself, but valuable to your Church, and Christianity. See the untold possibilities of real work with the Luther League program, and then seeing apply yourself to the task of making that program a live thing wherever your influence can be brought to bear.

Don't skim the service and take unto yourself nothing but the froth, but let your net really seek the lower depths and find the treasures that are there.

—Philadelphia District Broadcaster

APPRECIATION OF SPRINGFIELD

It seems to me that there came to the hearts and lives of every Luther Leaguer assembled at Springfield, a clear call to Christian Service; an appeal to re-dedicate their lives to Christ and to live the full Christian life as found in Christ Jesus. I feel that all were inspired by the messages of the great leaders of our Church, and will accept their challenge to forget self and take up the cross and follow the greatest of all Leaders—Jesus Christ.

IRENE SOX

President, North Carolina Luther League



Sixteenth Annual Convention, Luther League of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia, June 22-24, 1937

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DUES REPORT

August 6, 1937

	Senior		Intermediate	
	Billed	Paid	Billed	Paid
Northern California	\$28.75		\$2.50	
Southern California	86.00	43.00	4.00	2.00
Columbia District	38.50	9.63		
9—Connecticut	48.50	48.50	14.00	14.00
2—Florida	22.50	22.50	3.80	3.80
Georgia-Alabama	79.50	39.75	14.80	7.40
Illinois	231.25	63.50	35.00	15.70
11—Indiana	77.50	77.50	9.50	9.50
4—Iowa	76.25	76.25	12.00	12.00
Kansas	116.25	63.13	6.50	3.25
Kentucky-Tennessee	48.00	36.00	3.00	2.25
7—Maryland	297.00	297.00	54.30	54.30
Michigan	34.50	34.50	6.20	6.00
Minnesota	70.40	35.10		
Mississippi	12.50	6.25		
Nebraska	126.00	67.70	16.70	
German Nebraska	65.50	15.00		
5—New Jersey	128.50	128.50	36.20	36.20
New York	485.00	117.72	126.50	48.65
6—North Carolina	558.50	558.50	67.40	67.40
Ohio	325.00	163.54	20.00	10.02
1—Pacific Northwest	29.00	29.00	6.20	6.20
Pennsylvania	2,356.50	1,767.41	238.50	238.50
10—Rocky Mountain	20.00	20.00		
South Carolina	423.75	317.56	52.50	44.10
Texas	55.00	27.50	7.50	3.76
Virginia	371.00	185.52	19.30	9.66
3—West Virginia	81.00	81.00	2.00	2.00
8—Wisconsin	51.25	51.25	11.20	11.20
	\$6,343.40	\$4,383.81	\$782.10	\$607.89

CHINA PROJECT

August 6, 1937

	Quota	Senior	Inter.	Junior
3—Northern California ..	\$36.00	\$36.00		
18—Southern California ..	119.60	117.10	\$2.50	
Columbia District	77.20	60.31		
Connecticut	98.80	76.40		
22—Florida	44.00	39.36	5.94	
6—Georgia-Alabama	141.60	105.26	28.71	\$7.63
2—Illinois	370.00	398.33		
15—Indiana	248.40	245.40	3.00	1.00
13—Iowa	132.00	124.40	12.60	
10—Kansas	80.00	80.00	10.00	
17—Kentucky-Tennessee ..	75.60	78.26	15.00	6.00
9—Maryland	732.00	957.09	56.65	39.00
21—Michigan	133.20	123.83	4.60	13.46
11—Minnesota	74.00	67.60	6.40	
Mississippi	64.00	16.00		
Nebraska	298.80	165.95		1.50
German Nebraska	103.20	82.65		
5—New Jersey	174.00	167.18	19.40	16.90
8—New York	852.40	894.53	50.00	22.00
12—North Carolina	1,104.40	923.40	181.00	
19—Ohio	520.00	506.15		21.35
7—Pacific Northwest	46.80	46.80		
20—Pennsylvania	3,831.60	3,610.92	215.90	259.87
4—Rocky Mountain	36.00	36.83		
16—South Carolina	518.40	464.55	53.85	
14—Texas	70.00	57.19	17.00	11.75
Virginia	718.00	36.28	8.13	1.00
West Virginia	138.80	111.78		
1—Wisconsin	128.40	93.40	35.00	
Puerto Rico		49.71		
Canada		139.63		4.50
Winnipeg		14.13		
Miscellaneous		12.13		
	\$10,967.20	\$9,938.55	\$725.68	\$405.96

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND REPORT

January 1st to June 30th, 1937

League	Quota	Paid	Sust.	Cont.	Alumni Gift Mem'l
Northern California	\$20.00				
Southern California	55.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	
Columbia District ..	25.00	18.00	15.00	3.00	
Connecticut	35.00				
2—Florida	15.00	21.00	15.00	1.00	\$5.00
Georgia-Alabama ..	55.00	51.00	35.00	6.00	10.00
Illinois	150.00	31.00	5.00	11.00	15.00
Indiana	50.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	
Iowa	50.00	21.00	15.00	6.00	
Kansas	40.00	11.00		6.00	5.00
Kentucky-Tennessee	35.00	15.00	15.00		
3—Maryland	190.00	242.00	190.00	42.00	10.00
Michigan	25.00	24.00	20.00	4.00	
Minnesota	45.00	17.00	5.00	12.00	
Mississippi	10.00				
German Nebraska ..	45.00				
Nebraska	85.00	43.00	40.00	3.00	
New Jersey	85.00	74.00	35.00	34.00	5.00
New York	315.00	192.00	130.00	52.00	10.00
North Carolina ...	360.00	89.00	60.00	9.00	20.00
Ohio	210.00	116.00	100.00	6.00	10.00
1—Pacific Northwest	20.00	25.00	20.00		5.00
Pennsylvania	1,510.00	972.00	620.00	112.00	240.00
Rocky Mountain ..	15.00				
South Carolina ...	275.00	201.00	120.00	21.00	60.00
Texas	40.00	36.00	20.00	11.00	5.00
Virginia	240.00	97.00	70.00	22.00	5.00
West Virginia	55.00	20.00	20.00		
Wisconsin	35.00	7.00	5.00	2.00	
Canada		12.00	5.00	7.00	
		\$2,388.00	\$1,595.00	\$388.00	\$405.00

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND REPORT

August, 1937

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, total 20	
COLUMBIA DISTRICT, total 6	
Robert Kinney	
Rev. Paul Kunzman	
CONNECTICUT	
FLORIDA, total 5	
GEORGIA-ALABAMA, total 13	
Redeemer Luther League, Macon	
Mrs. G. H. C. Park	
Georgia-Alabama Luther League	
Jerusalem Luther League, Rincon	
ILLINOIS, total 15	
Miss Dorothy F. Vick	
Miss Marcena Kraemer	
Nels Jensen	
INDIANA, total 3	
IOWA, total 9	
KANSAS, total 5	
KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE, total 3	
MARYLAND, total 64	
Miss Agnes Kuhlman	
Calvary Luther League, Baltimore	
Frederick Senior Luther League, Frederick	
St. John's Junior Luther League, Washington	
Miss A. Barbara Weigand	
Thurmont Intermediate Luther League, Thurmont	
MICHIGAN, total 7	
Mrs. Paul B. Lentz	
MINNESOTA, total 13	
GERMAN NEBRASKA	
NEBRASKA, total 11	
NEW JERSEY, total 37	
Miss Irmgard Mehl	
S. Frederick Tellen	
NEW YORK, total 68	
Henry May	
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shineman	
Zion Luther League, Niagara Falls	
NORTH CAROLINA, total 24	
Miss Mary Lingle	
Haven Senior Luther League, Salisbury	
John McRee	
OHIO, total 27	
First Junior Luther League, Shelby	
Fourth Luther League, Springfield	
Trinity Luther League, Ashland	
Glenwood Junior Luther League, Toledo	
PENNSYLVANIA, total 269	
Miss Irene M. Lohman	
St. Stephen's Junior Luther League, Allentown	
Trinity Young People's Society, Lansdale	
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 Grace Junior Luther League, Bellwood
 First Junior Luther League, Phillipsburg
 St. John's Junior League, Clearfield
 St. John's Junior Luther League, Juniata
 Temple Junior Luther League, Altoona
 Fourth Junior Luther League, Altoona
 St. John's Junior Luther League, Phoenixville
 Paul Ulsh
 Emmanuel Junior Luther League, Bellevue
 J. Wilmer Fisher
 Mrs. Minnie Himmelreich, by Alsace Senior Luther League,
 Reading
 Grace Senior Luther League, Shillington
 Miss Edna Krug
 St. John's Senior Luther League, Clearfield
 Salem Luther League, Bethlehem
 Miss Elda V. Unangst
 Mrs. Owen G. Roth
 Miss Ruth E. Blessing
 Miss Clara Schleicher
 John W. Rhodes, by Messiah Luther League, Philadelphia
 St. John's Luther League, Coplay
 First Junior Luther League, Warren
 St. Paul's Luther League, Wilkes-Barre

PACIFIC NORTHWEST, total 3

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

SOUTH CAROLINA, total 35

TEXAS, total 16

Miss Clara Roitsch
 Miss Emma Roitsch
 Miss Margaret Lawton
 Miss Hilda Maeker
 Charles Vogt
 Bruce Lawton
 Paul Schedler
 Miss Valeria Hartman
 Miss Marie Miller
 Mrs. George Tomforde
 Miss Cecilie Urban
 Victoria Senior Luther League, Victoria
 Redeemer Senior Luther League, Houston
 Philadelphia Luther League, Swiss Alps

VIRGINIA, total 37

St. John's Senior Luther League, Knoxville
 St. Mark's Luther League, Luray
 Virginia Heights Luther League, Roanoke
 Mrs. M. D. Huddle
 Miss Leona Clark
 Miss Elizabeth Spraker
 Lebanon Church Luther League, Lebanon Church

WEST VIRGINIA, total 4

WISCONSIN, total 2

CANADA, total 8

Miss Anna Pasjack
 Miss Myrna Gillstrom
 Miss Eleanore Gillstrom

Here is another way in which the Soviet is campaigning against the Church: A train is taking a twenty-day trip through Siberia. It is called "The Flying Godless." It is equipped with a printing press, a radio station and loud speakers. The purpose is to proclaim how terrible the Christian Church is and how blessed is infidelity.

KRISTELIGT PRESSEBUREAU

Professor Gottfried Hult of the University of North Dakota, has written a five-act drama entitled "Messiah." The idea of writing this play came to him when as a little boy he listened to his father read the New Testament for morning devotions. When Prof. Hult finally decided to write the play he would get up at 4:00 A. M. and work at it before breakfast and off and on during the school day, between classes. It took him a month to complete the work. As to the method, he has borrowed ideas from Homer and Euripides. Last summer Prof. Hult wrote a play entitled "Gallileo." Previously he has translated into English five of Ibsen's dramas.

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SEPTEMBER 26, 1937

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This is the way a Luther League turned out on Luther League Day last year



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Promote the Program

Contacts should be made with all the young people's organizations in the Church. Encourage adults to attend. Prepare special posters. Make special announcements.

Follow Up

Assign to a picked group of the Luther League members a certain number of prospects for membership to be seen.

Let Luther League Day be an inspiration and a help to the League in an advance movement for the fall and winter months.

Keep in mind the Luther League of America and its needs. Support the work with a Sustaining Membership of \$5.00 or more.

The Luther League Review would appreciate a number of new subscriptions. A club of five or ten will give you a lower subscription rate.

Let's go! The Best Luther League Day we ever had.

My Impression of the 21st Biennial Convention of TRULY AN EXPERIENCE OF

What a rich experience it was to come into contact with that splendid group of young people of our Church who were in attendance at the Springfield Convention! On every hand, one observed evidences of loyalty, devotion, intelligence, and vision. Surely every delegate must have returned to his home territory encouraged, informed and inspired to renewed efforts on behalf of the League and the Church.

It was a privilege for Springfield and Wittenberg to do what they could toward making the Convention a success and toward giving the delegates a happy and profitable week. On the other hand, let it be clearly said that Springfield and Wittenberg gained far more from the Convention than they possibly could have given.

It was a pleasure to us to have the Luther Leaguers in our midst.

REES EDGAR TULLOSS
President, Wittenberg College

"During those times of quiet devotion, stirring messages, whole-hearted fun, and of lifting hearts and voices in worship together, feeling the warmth of Christian fellowship surging through us—how often I prayed, 'Lord, let me keep these moments forever!' New friends, new ideas, and new enthusiasm made this the most inspirational week of my life.

ALICE BREMER
Seattle, Wash.

Conventions such as ours bring many benefits. The chiefest among them, to me, is the inspiration of the unity in the program of the Luther League. Carolina, Canada, and California become neighbors in the adoption of such a program and the friendships made give encouragement toward the successful execution of these plans "till we meet again."

CAROLYN DUCKER
President, Luther League of South Carolina

Long-planned events oftentimes lose their glamour in fulfillment, but the days of the Convention at Springfield far surpassed any of our expectations.

The joy of new friendships, the thrill of meeting face to face those who had heretofore been only names, the spiritual blessing of the devotional meetings climaxed by the unforgettable candlelight ceremony and the blending of the voices in "O Christians Leagued Together," are indelibly imprinted on our hearts and minds.

We can only bow our heads in Thanksgiving that we were privileged to attend this gathering of the youth of our beloved Church.

RUTH INSLEE
Los Angeles, Calif.

Thrilling! The Convention theme, the telling addresses, the outstanding personalities, the fine discussions, the adoption of a great objective, the delightful fellowship of such a happy, clean, Christian group, rep-



Luther League of America, held in Springfield, Ohio

TIME—AND GOOD FOR LIFE

representing so vast an area, a great banquet, an impressive singing in the lantern light at "Old Wittenberg," etc., etc.

Only happy memories remain to inspire to more glorious service.

REV. E. G. HOWARD
Pastor Emeritus, Fourth Lutheran Church,
Springfield, Ohio

"The inspiration to be derived from such a meeting is of prime importance and much of this was obtained from the worshipping, working and fellowshiping with Leaguers from all parts of our Church. These more intimate contacts with Leaguers whom we have previously known only through our reading and correspondence are a valuable part of our convention experience and leave an impression that will stay with us.

LUTHER T. JANSEN
Seattle, Wash.

Every convention ought to take three directions in its delegates: **Inward, Upward and Onward!**

At Springfield, education and recreation became an "inward" blessing; inspiration lifted us "upward" to loftier spiritual heights; and now consecration manifests itself in an "outward" expression of increased devotion to the Christ who does call Youth!

We are so very thankful for just such a Convention as our Luther League's 21st Biennial!

ENGENE H. KELCHNER
President, Luther League of New Jersey

The 21st Convention of the Luther League of America was a great success. Especially interesting were the discussion groups, and we had just enough to be interesting and not enough to get monotonous.

ESTHER SHEAROUSE
President, Georgia-Alabama Luther League

Sure was a fine Convention.
Provided an abundance of inspiration.
Really made us feel at home.
Increased the number of our real friends.
Now, Long Beach, California, in 1939.
Gave us new horizons and responsibilities.
Filled us with a desire to serve our Master.
Informed us that "Christ Calls Youth."
Endeared us to Our Luther League of America.
Led us to an understanding of the "Whole Program of the Whole Church."
Deserves credit for a great youth Convention.

HOWARD LOGAN
President, New York State Luther League
Member of Executive Committee,
Luther League of America

My heartfelt thanks to the members of the Executive Board for their part in planning the convention, to the speakers through whom we so clearly heard Christ calling us, to the Springfield Leagues for the lovely entertainment, and to every Leaguer who joined in making it the great convention it was.

HENRIETTA SIMMONS
Jacksonville, Fla.



What an oasis is to a tired and thirsty traveler a National Convention is to a Luther League worker. Our Springfield Convention meant inspiration toward higher aspirations in all phases of League work, and there is no doubt in my mind but that each individual who attended was brought to a reconsecration of his own life to the cause of Christ through the Luther League as his own particular field for useful and effective service.

NORMA E. GANTZ
President, West Virginia Synodical Luther League

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA!

The District of Southern California wishes to express a sincere "Thank You" to the Luther League of America for the election of Long Beach as the Convention City for 1939.

We are conscious of our responsibility, yet, your prayer, your cooperation, and your enthusiasm will be the deciding factors in making the Convention of 1939 a memorable one for the Luther League of America.



Senior, Intermediate, Junior Topics for September

THEME: "LABOR DAY" "LUTHER LEAGUE IDEALS" SENIOR TOPICS

September 5, 1937

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

LABOR DAY

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

(By Rev. Paul M. Kinports, D.D., Executive Secretary,
Luther League of America)

Program

Sing: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

Announce the Topic

Read Responsively Psalm 104

Sing: "God of Our Fathers"

Read the Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sing: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

Present the Topic

Special Music and Offering

Prayer: O God, Our Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the wonders of Thy world, not only for the wonders of nature, but for the discoveries and inventions that make life interesting and abundant. Help us not to become selfish. Keep us ever mindful as Jesus was, of the needs of others. Help us to make our choices carefully, and guide us in choosing the kind of work by means of which we can be of the greatest use to the Kingdom of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Bless we the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Bible Readings

Proverbs 20:4. In all labor, there is profit, and the profit is oftentimes in the labor itself.

Exodus 20:8-10. God has set His approval on work. He Himself is the Great Worker.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-4. In doing your work you must not look at the mere inconveniences, hardships, and possibilities of failure.

Mark 6:1-6. Skill in handling the plane and driving the saw does not expel wisdom from the speech, love from the heart and beauty from the life.

Mark 1:16-20. Jesus trusted the common people to carry out His purposes and plans. One characteristic of democracy is that responsibility is shared by all.

Ephesians 6:5-8. Singleness of purpose.

Matthew 6:19-25. Honor and power, wealth and prosperity, as much of them is justly good for us will come to us by the very laws of the universe and by the very providence of God.

LABOR

We serve no God whose work is done,
Who rests within His firmament;
Our God, His labors, but begun,
Toils evermore, with power unspent,
... And man goes forward proud and free,
God's present purpose to fulfill.

—T. C. Clark

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That this 44th Annual Convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania in regular session assembled on Friday, July 23, 1937, having been advised of the passing from this life of the late President-Emeritus of Muhlenberg College, Rev. Doctor John A. W. Haas, on July 22nd. That it is the sense of this Convention that the United Lutheran Church in general and the Clergy and Laity of Pennsylvania in particular, have suffered a great loss by the decease of Doctor Haas; and it was felt proper to express to the widow and family of the deceased the sympathy of the members of the Convention.

CRAIG F. ESTERLY
ANNA M. LYTER
RAYMOND L. HECKMAN
Resolutions Committee

WORK

When work was set to music,
In the long ago,
There was music in the evenings,
Round the fire's bright glow.
There was music round the table,
With its humble fare,
And dreams were full of music,
For Content was there.
Now, work is all a bugbear,
All a hateful thing,
And the meal-times or the evenings
Little gladness brings.
There's a constant fret and grumble—
Man and work estranged—
But surely it's the motive,
Not the work, that's changed.
If work was set to music,
As it used to be,
The hard of heart might soften
To the harmony.
Each might realize his calling
In the great Life plan.
As service to his Master
And his fellow-man.

—John Roebuck

Quotations and Illustrations

I do not believe it is the duty of the Church to interfere in industrial struggles. To my mind, the Church should do the work of Christ, seek to save the souls of men, ameliorate the condition of the poor, and uphold the standards of righteousness. Although I am not a Christian, I am not one of those prejudiced against the Church: Composed of weak mortals like all the rest of us, it does the best it knows how. What more can be asked of humanity?

—Charles Perry Taylor

I do not agree with the statement that "the Church is not for workers but for business men and employers." I do not agree with the expression, "I don't think very much of the Church because the Church does not think very much about us." I do not agree with the statement of the man who "found out that the city Church has no use for the man who wears overalls."

These are extreme expressions by individuals who are more governed by prejudice than by normal reasoning. A man with overalls would not be expected by a Church to go to Church in his overalls, nor would he

care so to do himself. . . . Those expressions come very largely from men who have heard sermons or addresses in Churches in which the working man is strongly advised by the parson to be satisfied with his conditions and to obey his employer, and which harks back to the "master and the servant" proposition. —James Duncan

Three stone cutters chipped away at the stones of the great Cathedral walls. The first said he was working for ten dollars a day, the second that he was working for the contractors by whom he was employed, but the third, with the glint of vision in his eyes, proclaimed that he was helping to build the great cathedral. Fellow traveler on life's journey, what are you helping to build? Thank God for work!

Work! Thank God for the swing of it,
For the clamoring, hammering ring of it,
Draining the swamps and blasting the hills,
Doing whatever the spirit wills.
Rending a continent apart
To answer the dream of the Master's heart,
Thank God for a world where none may shirk!
Thank God for the splendor of work!

—Angela Morgan

Labor versus Idleness

Labor is honorable; it is man's appointed lot. The man who is too lazy to work reflects dishonor upon his race. Adam had to work, even before he fell. He was commanded to dress the garden and keep it. After he fell he had to work much harder, so as to extract from the earth a living for himself and his.

Man is especially fitted for labor. He can adapt himself to all forms of profitable industry. Moreover, labor is a blessing to man. It insures for him good health, good morals, good food, and a comfortable home.

Idleness is a curse to man. Compare the conditions of the idle savages with that of the industrious civilized and enlightened. Idleness is the hotbed of vice and crime. Labor insures cleanliness and uprightness of life, a clear conscience and a healthy, sound, refreshing sleep. Blessed is the man who works. Rev. F. A. Muesch

The Situation Today

Our world of work is in a difficult situation today. We live in a world where science and invention have made possible many new and interesting things; but we have not learned how to manage those inventions so that they will be valuable for the greatest number of people. So, while we have plenty of things to be done, we have thousands of people without anything to do.

Rapid Changes Cause Fear

Machines have taken the place of the labor of people. This makes many workers feel that they may lose their jobs and they are afraid because they do not see how they and their families can live. Many families are living today under the strain of constant fear.

Standards Have Been Lowered

In the past few years the standards for working conditions have been lowered instead of raised. Let us take one illustration—the manufacturing of candy. What do we expect?

1. Candy to be made from materials that are clean and of high grade.
2. Expect factories in which it is made to be sanitary and the workers who make and pack the candy to be healthy and clean.

3. Workers should get wages enough to give them a chance to keep healthy, because we know that when wages are very low people are more likely to be sick and careless.

4. For many years a list of factories that tried to give us pure candy and treat the employees fairly was published that people might know what kind of candy to buy. This year there was no such list published because many factories said they could not keep up the standards they had previously set up and followed.

Who was to blame because the candy factories could not keep up their high standards? The managers of the factories? The people who bought the candy? The "bargain" factories that cut the price so low? All of these groups?

Some Interesting Improvements

1. Changes both in farming and industry that make much of the drudgery that used to have to be done by human hands can be done by machines.

2. Machine has made possible shorter working hours.

3. New ways are being tried out to find out what caused the difficulties in the world of work and are planning to regulate industries to comply with the present trends of life.

4. Industries are moving away from cities to small towns. These factories help the community. What has caused this change? What effect will this have on the small town? Will the move mean a betterment of the community life?

KEY THOUGHTS

Labor is Divine. To labor is the divinely ordained lot of man. God Himself is presented in the Bible as a worker. All through the Old Testament God is presented as an ever-acting and working God. Jesus said, "My Father worketh even until now and I work." Jesus in the early part of His life worked as a carpenter. In His ministry He toiled among His fellowmen to bring needed relief; to cure the sick; to give comfort; to spread the Gospel.

No man need be ashamed of his task, need not despise his work, provided it is productive, honorable and beneficial to mankind.

Work itself is a duty and a necessity according to God's order, and although man could exist, as he formerly did, to a large extent, without the division of labor, this cooperation enables people to specialize in certain tasks and thus to produce and enjoy more goods. It is the extreme complexity of our modern society that causes the difficulties to arise.

While labor is the ordained lot of men, yet all performed labor is not necessarily divine. There are ungodly occupations in the world. Workers in crime perform labor. The dishonest business man may work harder than others, yet it cannot be called divine.

There is a dignity of labor. In these days when thousands of unemployed walk the streets looking for work or meekly accept the Government's allotment, labor has a new dignity. The chap with his job is a sort of king. Thinking persons have contempt for the man who says, "The world owes me a living," and a lot of respect for the one who works out a living for himself even in face of difficulties. A ditch-digger "on his own" is better than a dozen idle "lounge lizards."

God and our job. Although the man who thinks of his work as a service to humanity has dignified it, it can not be glorified until he thinks of it as a service to God. He has a definite obligation to God in everything he says, thinks or does. He can not escape from God in his job. He can not engage in practices that are displeasing to God in the discharge of his duties. When each hour of the day is filled with work "as unto the Lord," he will have a satisfaction and joy which will make him "a workman that needeth not be ashamed."

Character is the largest part of life and character grows in large measure by doing what jobs we have neatly and quickly, building self-respect with every piece of work finished.

All of these things should be observed. Which seems to you the more Christian attitude, to say that just because difficulties have always been present they always need to be, or try to find where the difficulties lie and change them? Why?

What do you believe to be the general attitude of labor toward the Church? Is it true, as one labor leader has stated, that "the Church is not for workers, but for business men and employers?" Do you agree with another labor leader who says, "I don't think very much of the Church because the Church doesn't think very much about us?" Do you believe with a union officer who claims that when he moved to town he "found out that the city Church has no use for the man who wears overalls?"

Is the Church performing the service it should perform among working people, or is it holding too much aloof? Are the criticisms quoted above just? Or are they too harsh? If you believe them to be true, what do you think the Church should do about it? What steps can the Church take to prove its sincere interest in the working man? What do you recommend?

September 12, 1937

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity LUTHER LEAGUE IDEALS

Philippians 3:13-16

(By Rev. Paul M. Kinports, D.D., Executive Secretary,
Luther League of America)

Program

Sing: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Announce the Topic

Read Together Psalm 23

Sing: "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Read the Scripture: Philippians 3:13-16

Prayer: O God, hear our prayer for ideals—a prayer for our best selves which we would keep ever before us. Give our eyes clear vision and far sight, that we may glimpse the beauty of that which lies beyond the material things of life. Bless all our efforts in attaining our League ideals. In Christ's name. Amen.

Sing: "O that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Present the Topic

Discussion

Special Music and Offering

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Bless we the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Bible Readings

Philippians 3:12-16. Our highest condition in this world is not the attainment of perfection, but recognition of heights above us which are yet unreachd.

Hebrews 11:7-17. One of the marks of the saints of God is their heavenward look. They are in the world, but not of the world; strangers, not citizens.

Joshua 1. We are all continually entering upon new paths, which afterwards, turn out to be old ones in new form.

Luke 12:22-23. In God's hands we may therefore reverently, prayerfully, hopefully, leave the destinies of our race.

Philippians 2:12-16. Let us be up and doing, busy and earnest, patient, faithful, reaching forth and pressing on to the mark for the prize of our high calling.

Revelation 3:7-13. God has given us some work to do for Him, and He has opened a door of usefulness for us.

Leader: We have all witnessed and rejoiced in what we termed an "ideal ball game." We have cheered for the "ideal pitcher." We have gone off on a gay picnic with a jolly good bunch and spent an "ideal day" in the woods or beside the water. But, in this day of speed with everything snappy and catchy, let us not lose sight of the ideal Christian life. As someone has said: "The ideal life haunts us all. We feel the thing we ought to be beating beneath the thing we are." Paul could not lose sight of God after He had once taken hold on him. Then all other things were counted worthless in comparison. Every energy and power within him was set to press on toward Christ, the goal. Paul admonishes us to think on Christian virtues. After we have pondered them, let us make them a part of our everyday life and try daily to grow more like Christ in whom is found the perfect sample of every worthwhile ideal. (Read Philippians 4:8)

In expressing our Luther League ideals, Miss Elberta Sease comments upon this passage of Scripture:

Whatsoever Things Are Honest

"We should be honest with our fellow man. This is easy to do if we always remember the Golden Rule. We should be honest with ourselves. Christ was honest. He followed the line of duty strictly and did not shirk. An example of honesty is recorded in the Bible in the story of the talents. Those proving to be honest received rich rewards. Those proving to be dishonest brought curse and shame on themselves. Honesty should be practiced in pleasure, confining ourselves to such pleasures as are honest. In games and sports young people have innumerable chances to prove their honesty. We should strive to seek an honest occupation, one in which it is possible not only to make money, which seems often the only consideration which young people take into account, but one in which it is possible to build character. Always let your business be such that you can have Christ for a partner in the firm. Leaguers, practice honesty, preach honesty, teach honesty, remembering that "honesty is the best policy."

Whatsoever Things Are Right

There was once a robber in Cairo who, climbing into a window, fell and broke his leg. He complained to the ruler and asked for justice because the window casement was defective. The ruler sent for the owner of the building who laid the blame on the carpenter. The carpenter blamed the mason. The mason blamed a girl who, in passing, attracted his eye by the pretty dress she wore. The girl blamed the dyer who dyed the gown. The poor dyer had no excuse and was sentenced to be hanged in his own doorway. Presently the executioner announced that they could not hang the dyer because his doorway was too low. "Then," said the ruler, "go get a short dyer and hang him. We must have justice though the heavens fall." You think how absurd, how overdrawn! But think again, do we always let mercy season our justice? God suffered the just for the unjust. Think on His standards. "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven." "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." "Blessings are upon the head of the just." "A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight." "The just shall live by faith."

Whatsoever Things Are Pure

A clergyman was waiting at the door of a village inn where a cart of refuse called "pig-wash" was standing while the driver was within. A man came hurriedly up to the clergyman and asked, "Be you the gentleman that belongs to the pig-wash?" "No," exclaimed the clergyman so forcefully that he was amused at himself a moment later.

We want to be careful, as Leaguers, never to proclaim that we belong to the pig-wash by seeming to enjoy the questionable, coarse words, dirty stories, and unclean places. We want to be pure in thought, word and deed.

KEY THOUGHTS

The Christian ideal is unselfish service for Christ's sake. To so live and speak and work as to lead all to love Him and enter into the fellowship of those who love His Spirit.

The Luther League has many ideals. It is hard to select what the chief ideal is. Among the many ideals it has, these might be noted:

Giving the young people of the Church an opportunity to express themselves. That group in which an individual seems most at home and where he has had the most satisfying self-expression is the group that is likely to have most to do with setting up his ideals and standards of conduct.

Furnishing means whereby the young people may work together for Christ and the Church.

Giving young people a chance to study together and discuss Christianity and the Church.

Training young people to carry out Christ's purposes.

Enabling young people in the Church to get better acquainted and to form close friendships within the Church.

To give an opportunity for young people to contribute to the work of the Church in some specific way.

Through its conventions offering young people of different congregations, synods, and states all the opportunities mentioned above and promoting greater unity and activity in the Church.

Whatsoever Things Are Lovely

There are many things in everyday life that are lovely. If we want to, we can see beauty in everything. In art let us look for the beautiful and worthwhile pictures and statues. In literature let us look for beauty and read only beautiful and uplifting books, stories and poems. In architecture let us study beautiful Churches and Cathedrals. Beauty and loveliness can be seen in nature more than in anything else. In the flowers, trees, birds, landscapes and sunsets, God Himself is revealed. As Luther Leaguers, let us, too, be lovely—perhaps not in face and figure but in mind, heart and soul. This can be done by doing good deeds and being Christ-like. Then our lives will be lovely in the sight of the Lord.

Whatsoever Things Are of Good Report

Have you ever heard this? "He's a fine young man, a noble fellow, kind-hearted and all that—but—. There's where the trouble comes." Guard against that "but!" Our topic calls our attention to things of good report. Practice telling the good things, the beautiful deeds, the kind remarks. Let it—even make it—become a habit with you. If you are tempted to go beyond the "but," remember this little story. "How do you wish your

hair to be cut, sir?" asked the barber one day, of Archelaus, King of Macedon. And the King replied, "Silently."

Discussion Suggestions

What do you think is the greatest ideal worth living for?

Are young people today perfectly honest with their financial obligations to the Church?

Could you take Christ as a partner in your business firm, or the one in which you work, without changing its policy whatsoever?

Name ten ideal qualities for boys. Ten for girls.

I Would Be True

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all the foe, the friendless;

I would be giving, and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

—American Youth Hymnal

The leader may then write on the blackboard the suggestions given by the members of the group. Do not be satisfied with general answers such as "learn to be better Christians." This might describe the general purpose of the whole program of ideals. Ask for more specific and definite ideals. If the members are slow in answering, suggest some of the following and ask whether the group thinks these are to be good ideals.

1. To learn to think through some of the problems that perplex us.

2. To understand Jesus better in order that we may become more Christ-like in our own lives.

3. To have some fine worship experiences that will inspire us to be our best.

4. To appreciate the work of the Church and do our part in the Church's task of extending the kingdom of God.

5. To learn how to use the Bible and prayer as a means of strengthening our own Christian lives.

6. To develop fine Christian friendships.

7. To learn to like great hymns and other good music.

8. To yearn to practice our Christianity in our homes, in schools, in recreation, and in all parts of our lives.

9. To help support the Luther League program in the interests of the United Lutheran Church.

10. To have a program so interesting and worthwhile that many more young people of our age will share in it with us.

Is there any ideal listed here which anyone feels should not be included? Why?

Is there any ideal in this list which you feel that our group or individual can't do anything about?

Are we agreed that these are the ideals toward which we should strive?

Leader: After adopting these high purposes our next step must be to do something about them, to turn them into deeds. Before we can do this there must be help given to us. A part of our task will be to study what the Luther League program is and how this program will

help us to forward these ideals. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Luther League and surely you will want to be present to learn more about our League program.

Prayer: O God, we know that Thou art here. As we have felt the urge to make our own lives better, we have felt Thy presence in our hearts. We thank Thee for we know that Thou wilt continue to be present with us as we strive to meet these ideals as youth of Thy beloved Church and Kingdom. We pray in Christ's name.

September 19, 1937

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity LUTHER LEAGUE PROGRAMS

I Corinthians

(By Rev. Paul M. Kinports, D.D., Executive Secretary,
Luther League of America)

Program

Sing: "O Worship the King"

Announce the Topic

Read Responsively Psalm 25

Sing: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Read the Scripture: I Corinthians 12:27-31

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant us grace to come often to Thy presence to talk with Thee, grant us the understanding of Thy love and forgiveness, and open our hearts to Thy Word. Teach us so to live and pray, that all things not akin to Thy purpose will be accounted as of no value, and take us to Thee in love and thought. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Sing: "Singing for Jesus, Our Saviour and King"

Present the Topic

Discussion

Special Music and Offering

Sentence Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Bless we the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Bible Readings

Ephesians 6:10-18. We should always remember the great motive for truth which should be always before us as Christians.

Ephesians 4:7-16. There is ripeness or maturity of manhood among Christians in proportion as there is oneness of faith and knowledge about the Son of God.

Philippians 2:12-16. Let us be up and doing, busy and earnest, patient, faithful, reaching forth and pressing on to the mark for the prize of our high calling.

Mark 16:15, 16. Speech is the conduit through which a man's thought, and purposes, and feelings, flow out to his fellows.

II Corinthians 9:8. God is able to rule the world He has created and still creates. Prayer is asking. It is not dictation.

Colossians 3:16. Like Christ Himself, in Christ's Word are hid the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Dig into this hidden treasure and receive.

There are three secretaries to be used in connection with this discussion: the Educational, Missionary and Life Service Secretaries. Each one should present the program of these divisions of League work. Assignments should be made in advance of the meeting. Subjects such as these can be assigned:

Educational: "The Heart of Our Luther League"

Missionary: "How Can We Make Our Missionary Programs Helpful?"

Life Service: "Finding My Place In Life"

Leader: This meeting is for the purpose of better acquainting ourselves with our League work, and to plan for our fall and winter program. "What man, planning to build a house, does not first sit down and count the cost?"

What difference does it make to us and to the Church whether the meetings of our League are carefully planned and the program carried out to the satisfaction of its members?

Let us catch something of the spirit and point of view that underlies the present program of the Luther League.

1. The important thing about this program is boys and girls, young people, their interests, their aspirations,

their difficulties, their limitless possibilities. It is the growing experience of young people that count.

2. The program is planned around the central idea that Christianity is an intensely practical thing, that it can be brought to bear upon every aspect of the daily life of young people, to make it finer, richer and more satisfying.

3. The young people's program should become the effective means by which young people in cooperation with the pastor or leaders, may work together in the interests of the congregation to carry out the "Whole Program of the Whole Church." (A copy of this program can be procured by writing to The Luther League of America, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.)

4. We should become familiar with the variety of materials available and having caught something of the spirit and point of view of the program, we plunge into the adventure of trying it out and of learning by actual experience the skill that will be necessary to make it effective with our group.

KEY THOUGHTS

A program is any pre-arranged plan or course of proceedings.

A program can win and hold our loyalty which helps us to grow. In order to grow we must function. In an effective program we must take an active part.

An effective program leads us on from immediate and lesser goals and interests to those that are greater and permanent.

An effective program provides for personal guidance.

The most important phase of the program is that which emphasizes the spiritual side of life.

Our Luther League worship programs will be more helpful if we also worship with the congregation at the Church services.

The League program affords us an opportunity to learn more about worship and by which we may express the reverent attitude within us.

The service of planned worship is a unit. It begins with a particular purpose, and it moves on with the intention of accomplishing an expected result.

Two-thirds of the battle in a program of discussion is in the preparation.

An ideal program of Luther League is one that begins long before the meeting begins and which carries the issue discussed into practical service activities during the weeks following the meeting.

The League should share more fully in building a program of social activities in the Church.

Discussion of League topics helps us to grow spiritually.

Improvement in meetings, like improvement in anything, may be had by analyzing one's past activity, watching for strong points and for weak points, and setting out to realize what our main aims should be.

There are some experiences we will never have until we make the effort. Groups have said this type of program is too hard, too complicated. It is not an easy program, but neither is it beyond the goal we should attain. The job is so important that we cannot expect to do it without paying the price.

It is much easier to bring in outside speakers to do the work for us—the lazy way of planning the program.

It is much harder to build a real program that faces realities and comes to grips with real issues.

It is much harder to work at these issues, not merely idle talk, but with honest fact finding and sincere practice. But its very difficulty commends it. Life is like that. We are at serious business; only so can we fellowship with the Master who said that "he that loseth his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it."

This meeting promises to be helpful as we have asked our Secretaries (Educational, Missionary and Life Service) to present the program in the three phases of our League activity.

The Program and How Adapt It to Our League

For every useful thing accomplished there must be a definite object in view and to acquire this, a definite logical plan.

The plan through which the Luther League seeks to continue instruction and interest is the systematic study of the Luther League Topics. These form the basis upon which the program for each meeting is to be built and out of which the entire service must grow. To this end the entire program of the meeting must conform.

There should be no deviation from the Topics for a plan and purpose runs through them all. This has been carefully wrought out by the committee and while they do not claim perfection, they measure up to any other topic series that has been examined and studied.

The Program must be attractive if we expect to interest the Young People of the Church and secure their regular attendance at the meetings of the League. Perhaps they ought to attend whether the devotional meetings are attractive or not. They might be in an ideal world. I suspect there the services would be attractive.

As intelligent Christians, we must get away from the idea that any kind of droning, illy-prepared, half-hearted meeting, because held under the auspices of the Church, will prove sufficient to attract young people.

To adapt our program to our League it should be done in an attractive way.

To meet the end desired the program must be instructive—stimulating.

Those who attend must receive that which is well worth their time and attention. They should go away from the League meeting with an increased knowledge of the Church and her work, which should lead each Leaguer to greater activity and zeal in God's service.

The end to be sought in all Church work is the salvation of mankind and the Christian nurture of the Christian youth.

To take up such a program, it is necessary to plan for the meetings and plan in advance as much as possible so that those who are to conduct and participate in the meeting may have sufficient time to make ample and thorough preparation of the topic and become thoroughly acquainted with the meeting program.

This can and ought to be done through a devotional committee of which the Educational Secretary is the Chairman. This committee should appoint the leaders in advance and assign to them their topics and assist the leaders in securing all material possible for treatment of the particular jobs assigned. These leaders should be appointed at the beginning of the quarter or each half of the year.

Several persons should be appointed to participate in the meeting. The leader or leaders to discuss the topics, the others to assist with short talks or present some musical number on the program.

Don't give all the time to the discussion of the topics—you can't exhaust it even if you did.

The Missionary Program—Let us invite the presence and inspiration of the Great Spirit of Missions, who is the Spirit of all efficiency and of all power and of all regeneration. The study of Missions and the use of our missionary topics is not an optional matter; it is binding. For we must remember that bringing the world to Christ through Him the world may be saved, is the mission of the Church and the only reason why the Church has any right to exist. Any League that is not endowed with the missionary spirit has forfeited its charter—has annulled its commission.

Pray for Missions and Missionaries. How much of the missionary spirit of your League is derived from the prayers that are offered?

Give. The need of the Church to carry on the work that God has given her to do is desperate and we should, as youth, make the earnest effort to give to our utmost that the coming of the Kingdom of God may not be delayed. Thousands of Leagues in our United Lutheran Church and every one a power house in the program of Missions. Life Service, Pledged to Christ therefore, to definite Personal Service.

God does not deal with us as a Church or as congregations, but as individual members in the communion of saints. Upon each and every one of us rests the personal, individual responsibility for the faithful discharge of our duties in the Lord's vineyard.

Upon us as younger members of the Church devolves part of this great work for Christ.

The League is part of the vineyard God has reserved for us. If we labor not there, that part will remain uncultivated and barren. What work we would do for Christ must be done to His glory and the extension of the Kingdom of God. Let us apply our program of service to the League. It is as follows:

Aims

To create an appreciation of the value of life.

To direct the thoughts of Luther Leaguers to the worth of a God-planned life.

To encourage Luther Leaguers to plan their lives carefully—taking into consideration God's plan and man's need.

To inspire those who have the proper talents to enter the ministry, the diaconate, mission field, parish work or some other kind of full-time Christian work.

To give vocational and avocational guidance.

To stir up in our young people the desire to serve the Master in their leisure time in whatever capacity it is possible.

Leader asks: Are there any other issues which we want to include in our program this season?

Do we or do we not feel that we have suggested the things upon which we most need help from our Luther League meetings?

What is the purpose of a Luther League program?

What are the resources for our program building?

Leader says: Most of our difficulties in Luther League come because we lack information. No up-to-

date farmer is without a farm journal. No progressive doctor fails to subscribe for a medical journal. In order to know what our program is and what the Church's program is and keep abreast of what is going on in Luther League, every forward-looking young person ought to subscribe to the Luther League Review.

Every Luther League should subscribe for the Topics Quarterly. These periodicals are a stimulating medium. We are all in danger of running short of ideas and are in danger of getting into ruts. We need something to present fresh points of view and new ideas.

Questions

Of what four parts should a program of worship consist?

What is meant by the Topic System?

How may we secure a variety of meetings?

Are we satisfied with the kind of programs our League has?

What kind of socials ought we to have?

What Topic Helps are available?

How may we get all to participate in the program?

What is necessary for a well-balanced program?

September 26, 1937

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

LUTHER LEAGUE DAY

Philippians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

(By Rev. Paul M. Kinports, D.D., Executive Secretary,
Luther League of America)

Program

Sing: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Announce the Topic

Read Responsively Psalm 46

Sing: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Read the Scriptures: Philippians 2:1-16

Prayer Thoughts: That each of us may rededicate himself or herself and without reserve to a genuine advance in the kind and amount of Christian work we do. That we seek the Saviour's guidance and blessing. That our Church may become, with our co-operation, the gateway to heaven and a source of hope and joy to many young people.

Sing: "Forward Be Our Watchword"

Present the Topic

Discussion

Special Music

Prayer: Bless our Fellowship, O Father of us all, and cause that fellowship to become the way for many to enter more closely into Thy purposes and to render loyal service for Thy Son, Our Saviour. Make us good witnesses. Bless our League and Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sing: "O Christians Leagued Together"

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Bless we the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Bible Readings

Ephesians 4:1-16. One of those great passages of the Word which shows our common dependence in the realization of Christian grace.

II Peter 3:1, 2. We need to be reminded constantly of the Word of God which has come to us through the apostles and His Church.

I Peter 4:7-11. Common sense, prayer, love, hospitality, faithful use of what God has given each of us—this is true Christian and League spirit.

Hebrews 12:1-4. Whether we realize it or not, we are watched by many. We must run our race in the consciousness of this and for Christ's glory.

John 20:19-23. Christ sent the first apostles as God had sent Him. That commission has been passed down the generations to us. It is the Church's commission and the League's.

Luke 12:22-34. Fear not, throw yourself into the Lord's work. His is the Kingdom and it is ours.

The Leader: On this Luther League Day which is being observed by the Luther League of our United Lutheran Church, we believe that in the best interests of our local Luther League we should discuss two questions:

1. What are our meetings for?
2. How can we make our meetings better?

What Are Our Meetings For?

Why do we spend our time attending these meetings of our group? (Leader: Have the group suggest reasons why they "come to League" and list them on the board.)

Have different individuals read the following reasons that have been suggested by others. After each paragraph ask the group if this offers any new reasons, and if so, add them to the list.

1. One pastor says he can't see why anyone would come to the meetings of his League. They begin late, break up early, are disorderly, and accomplish nothing. However, they provide a meeting place for the young people of the community. After League they go off in pairs and groups for the interesting activities of Sunday night. This is the only reason the pastor can discover why young people come to League.

2. Many young adults who are now filling places of leadership in their Church say that the chief thing League meetings did for them was to give them an interest in Church work and training for leadership which has been valuable to them in many ways.

3. One state university president says that through its school system the state is equipped to turn out scores of thousands of young people who know how to manipulate and control the forces of nature. However, he thinks the Church must add to this an understanding of the meaning of life and moral controls for the use of our new power, or our civilization will come to disaster. Our meetings might be one of the places where the Church could thus supplement the public schools.

4. Many young people say that friendship is one of the chief reasons for young people's meetings. They say that the fine fellowship of recreational events, the chance to plan things and do things together in committee work, exchanging ideas and worshipping together in the devotional meetings lead to the highest type of comradeship that they find anywhere.

5. An increasing number of young people are finding the meetings of their group a place to get help with troublesome problems of daily living. Most people want to make a success of living, but they find that they make many mistakes. It is frequently difficult to discover what is the right, the Christian thing to do. The League devotional meetings provide a place where a group of friends may face these questions together, exchange experiences and opinions, search for facts that will help them, and plan experiments and activities that will help them.

6. Some people sum up all these reasons for having meetings by saying that the meetings of their group help them discover God's will for their lives.

How do our meetings compare with these reasons?

Leader: When you have listed as many reasons for having meetings of Church young people as you can, you will naturally want to know how many of these reasons are true of your own group. Check the reasons on the board that prove to be the opinion of the majority of the Leaguers in attendance.

Are there some other purposes our meetings should be filling which they are not?

Consider each item that has been checked. Is it a good reason or a poor reason for attending meetings? If a good reason, does it play as large a part with us as it should?

Have you had any new understanding of what Luther League meetings are for as a result of this discussion? What reason for meetings that you have agreed upon as important would you say your group has most often failed to achieve?

Leader: It would serve to sum up the discussion if you would make a statement of what the group has seemed to consider the main purpose or purposes of their group meetings. Give the members of the group an opportunity to supplement your statement.

How Can We Make Our Meetings Better?

Leader: We have just considered what meetings are for and we got some understanding of the purposes that might be fulfilled by our meeting together. Now we are going to push forward with that discussion by asking how we can make our meetings better.

This part of the meeting will call for information. List the topics that have been assigned by the Luther League of America for the fall and winter months. (Topics leaflets can be secured free by writing to The Luther League of America, 806 Muhlenberg Building, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Leader: Where do your Luther League topics come from? Who worked them out? How were they developed? These questions have been asked by a number of our Leaguers and we shall try to answer the questions as briefly as possible.

1. First of all these topics are not just "made up out of somebody's head." Rather they have come up right out of the lives of young people. They represent some of the questions young people are asking, some of the problems with which they are struggling, the hopes and aspirations which they honestly cherish.

2. They have been carefully checked and formulated by the Educational Committee.

3. The Topics have the approval of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America before they are published.

4. The Topics material in the Review and the material in the Topics Quarterly as well as the Intermediate Helps and the Junior Topics Booklets is prepared for use in our devotional meetings. This material takes for granted that young people can be trusted to do some thinking for themselves.

5. Such a program of topics should impress upon our minds a deep sense of personal accountability to Almighty God. We need to re-emphasize that sense. We must also bear in mind that the purpose of the Topics is to personalize the spiritual values and the spiritual realities of life. There must be more than head in our life; the heart must be taken care of. Topics are vital in our discussion. May we use them more faithfully.

What Makes a Good Meeting?

Reading: "Just an Average Meeting."

"The question that generally confronts many Leagues is this: Why are we unable to get the young people to our devotional meetings? Perhaps if we drop into a meeting we can find the answer to that question. As we walk up to the Church we hesitate for a moment at the doorway as we see no other young people around. However, we go in and find the meeting room in disorder. Hymn books and Bibles are thrown carelessly on the chairs, lesson papers have fallen unheeded to the floor.

We sit down and suddenly a young lady rushes in, flings a 'how do you do, so glad to see visitors,' over her shoulder as she rushes to the table. She fumbles through pages of a hymn book—scribbles hastily on a scrap of paper.

"In a few minutes six or eight young people come in, giggling, and sit down in the back of the room. 'Shall we begin?' ventures the leader. There is no indication that anyone objects to beginning. The leader then announces the hymn, which is sung half-heartedly. Then the leader asks for sentence prayers, with a time of dread silence broken at last by a long, rambling plea for blessings on the meeting. The leader hurriedly announces the topic and reads a Scripture lesson and having concluded asks that everyone take part in the discussion of the topic. Silence, giggling, then more silence. Sing hymn 49, someone suggests. The hymn is sung, then a few of the older people take part in the discussion evidently because they feel it is their duty. The leader's talk is long and rambling (or perhaps read word for word, without any previous preparation whatsoever, from the Topics magazine). We hear the Church organ beginning the processional, the leader stops abruptly. We are going over our time, let us arise and close with the Lord's Prayer. There is a sudden rush for the door and we depart unnoticed."

Leader: Ask the group to think of meetings they have considered worthwhile. What made them different from others? The answers would be listed on the board and should include:

1. **Work by the Leader.** The meeting gave evidence of preparation. The leader had thought through the subject and had made definite plans for the meeting. Perhaps assignments had been made in advance to others.

2. **The Leader's skill.** The Leader knew how to get others to talk. He kept the discussion on the point and knew how to sum up so that we felt we "got somewhere."

KEY THOUGHTS

The Luther League is our young people's organization in the Church.

It is just as good or as poor as we make it.

Through the Luther League young folks receive a fine training which prepares them for leadership in the local congregation, teachers in the Sunday School, members of Church Councils, members of Boards in Synods and the United Lutheran Church in America.

Gives youth a large measure of self-determination in program and a wide opportunity for self-expression in service.

The aims are:

1. To encourage the formation of Luther Leagues in all congregations of United Lutheran Church in America.

2. To quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith.

3. To foster in each member a spirit of loyalty to his own Church.

4. To increase the member's usefulness as one of its workers.

5. To help each member to be a true witness for Christ.

Every part of the League program is helpful to the young Christian: meetings, topics, missionary enterprises, social meetings, games, conventions, committees, official positions. The way to

get the blessing is to take part and the way to give blessing to others is to take part.

The League is taking a more vital and active part in the work of the Church every year.

The Luther League keeps us informed. It does not deal merely with the past. Its literature tells us, as well, about the Church's work today—her hospitals, deaconess enterprises, Foreign, American and Inner Missions, forward movements in the Church. All this is inspirational as well as educational.

A good Luther League maxim: If knowledge is consecrated to God's service, you cannot have too much of it.

A competent engineer is necessary to get the best service out of a locomotive. Likewise, the Luther League needs an efficient set of officers.

W-o-r-k spells a little word all can remember. It means when in action, much sacrifice and responsibility; the loving and willing use of all our talents.

3. Facts were introduced. Many meetings are poor because they deal with unfounded opinions and prejudices. No one thinks to ask, "What makes you think so?" or "Why?" On the other hand, a recent topic on "Problems about the Bible," was helpful because the group first made a list of things they desired to know and then accepted assignments and brought in reports which gave authoritative information on those questions.

4. The subject was one which concerned everyone. Many groups report uninteresting meetings on Christian race relations because they say there are no other races in their community. They are often wrong about this, but if they think so, it spoils the meeting. Another group had its best meetings when a series on "Cheating" was introduced just after several pupils were expelled from school for cribbing in semester examinations.

5. The subject was one about which the group could do something. One League had scheduled a unit on "The Right Use of Sunday." The first meeting was very good. In the middle of the second meeting a boy said, "O, what's the use of talking? Our folks won't let us do anything about it." A feeling of futility seemed to seize the group and the remainder of that meeting and the next were listless and uninteresting.

6. Enough time was used to "get somewhere." You can't settle any really important issue in a fifteen-minute talk. That's why many Leagues are building a program of "units of work"—each "unit" being some important subject to which enough weeks are assigned to permit thorough and helpful work.

7. The group sincerely tried to discover what was best or right or Christian in the matter under considera-

tion. One group reported that their discussion of Sunday movies was unsatisfactory. When pressed for details they said the group voted unanimously that Sunday movies were wrong and at the end of the meeting two-thirds of them went to the movies. Such a group was either insincere in its vote or in its conduct. It is no wonder they were dissatisfied with their meeting.

8. A variety of methods were used. No one method was used until all the meetings became monotonous. On the other hand, reports, discussion, drama, worship, or appreciation was used according to the nature of the subject and this gave the meetings variety.

If these are the conditions which account for good meetings, our problem is to discover how we can fulfill these conditions.

Questions

1. Is there a true devotional tone to our devotional meetings?
2. Do we usually have good before-hand preparation of program—topics, selection of hymns, devotions, discussion, etc.?
3. Is the selection of participants good? Or do only a few take part?
4. Does leader follow (and guide) discussion?
5. Do we depend too much upon the pastor to lead in prayer, discussion, etc.?
6. Have you discovered that there is better participation in some of the meetings than others? Why?
7. What can be done to "draw out" the hesitant ones so that they will express their opinions in the discussion?
8. Does our League help support the needs of our local Church as it should? What more could we do than we are now doing?
9. What are we doing to promote the Pocket Testament League?
10. Do most of our members attend the League regularly? If not, why not?
11. Do we make our League programs so attractive that others want to come?
12. Have you any suggestions for improving our devotional meetings?
13. What would improve our social meetings?
14. Do our League meetings help clear up problems of Christian life which may have been bothering some of us?
15. Have you a more vital experience of God as a result of the meetings?
16. What is one worth while thing you would like to see our League accomplish during this coming year?



The Intermediate Topics for September

September 5, 1937

COOPERATING WITH GOD

I Corinthians 3:9-15

(By Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C.)

General Statement—Co-operators

During the month of September we are to consider the subject of Co-operation. Persons who co-operate are

known as "Co-operators." We may think of co-operation as harmony or rhythm of action. Such harmony or rhythm is power. This same idea is expressed in the familiar slogan, "United, we stand; divided, we fall."

None of us are Robinson Crusoes, living on islands alone. We speak to people; we work with them and we live among them. The fine art of living together applies to all of life and not merely to the married state. We

are asked to consider this subject under four headings: 1 Co-operating with God; 2 Co-operating with other races; 3 Co-operating in the congregation; and 4 Co-operating in Luther League work.

Miss Irene Sox, President of North Carolina State League, and Mrs. Viola Odell, Intermediate Secretary of the same organization, have co-operated in the preparation of the materials for this series.

Christ, the Model Co-operator

Co-operating with God is basic, fundamental. This is God's world. He has a plan for life. His will and purpose are to be sought and followed. We are told in the Bible that we are "workers together with Him." Let us think of the world as a "Garden of Eden." But Adam and Eve failed to co-operate.

Noah co-operated; so did Abraham and Moses as well as many others and we have the "chosen people," "the Israel of God"—Co-operators, fellow-workers with God. "In the fullness of time Christ came, full of grace and truth." God's purpose and God's will were to be realized. The Gospels speak eloquently of the "nots" in Christ's own life. "Not His own will, not His work, not His own teaching, not His own words;" but Jesus came to do Somebody's will. He co-operated so thoroughly and so completely with God that He becomes the Example for all co-operation. This fact is proclaimed through His own words, "The Father and I are One."

Co-operating Is Team Work

Co-operation is not a one-sided affair. The game requires at least two. "Co-operating with God." God and you. "I need you for a plan of Mine. Let Me have the control of your life and all your power for My plan." God's plan and purpose. Your life and all that this involves. The vine and the branches. God and you. His plan and purpose; your life and the fruitage according to His grace. Surrender by one and mastery by the other. It is not working for God, but **working with God**. It is team-work. It is partnership.

Jesus Shows How It Is Done

Co-operating with God is fully set forth in the life of Jesus. We find what co-operating with God involves and means as we study the life and action of Jesus. He discovered and then gave honest recognition to the fact of God's will and purpose for life. As a lad He is found in His home in the synagogue school, learning this will of God as it is revealed in sacred writings. He had learned the truth that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Then later, when the test came, He stood firm; and right through to the end with these words upon His lips, "Not My will, but Thine be done." He spoke and taught the truth of God to mankind. He "went about doing good" and thereby worked with God to convince man of His love and mercy. He constantly resorted to prayer that He might learn God's will and receive the power to do it.

Jesus is the Way of Divine Co-operatives

Jesus has made the way plain that all may co-operate with God. This is the Bible's message on co-operation: "Come unto Me—Follow Me—Come after Me—Learn of Me—Yoke up with Me—Abide in Me—As the Father has sent Me even so I send you—Go ye—and I am with

you." You can readily see the partnership through all of this. You and I. He strengthening me. You go and I will too.

Results of Co-operating with God

The result of co-operating with God is victorious living. "That you may bear much fruit." The fruit of such co-operative living is "love, peace, joy, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." We call rhythm of color, Beauty; rhythm of sound, Music; and rhythm of action, Power. Workers together with God. It is the Master's touch that arouses and leads out the best in every life. "Ye are complete in Him."

Some difficulties to co-operating with God: Self-will, disobedience, lack of trust, impatience, selfishness, greed.

How many of these occur in your life? How do we overcome them?

"It is not work that wears us out and tires us; it is friction within."

"Lack of co-operation is friction."

What of these? You have an opportunity to do good and you do something evil.

You have a chance to overcome evil with good and you use evil to overcome evil.

Questions

1. What is meant by Co-operation?
2. What are the dangers of co-operating together as people with God left out of our plans?
3. What four sub-topics will we study this month under "Co-operation?"
4. In what different ways did Jesus co-operate with God?
5. Mention some practical ways in which Intermediates today can co-operate with God.

September 12, 1937

CO-OPERATING WITH OTHER RACES

Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 6:1-15

(By Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C.)

The underlying problem in this topic is, of course, the one of racial prejudice or race relationships. Two propositions should be kept clearly in mind: (1) Human personality is sacred, and (2) Each group has a distinct contribution to make to the life of the whole.

Suggested Program

Opening Hymn: "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"
 Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-15
 Prayer, using any appropriate Collect in Service Book
 Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"
 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," read as a poem
 Presentation of Topic by Leader
 Discussion
 Offering
 Closing Hymn: "Saviour, Thy Dying Love"
 Prayer

God Meant Us to Live as One

We have already been reminded that no one lives unto himself. The Ten Commandments show us that life revolves around two great relationships, namely, God and our fellow-man. Strange that man has found it seemingly difficult to live successfully, co-operatively and happily with one another. Man continues to wage war. He engages in economic and industrial strife. There is racial hatred and feud. We believe if man is to fulfill God's will and be an active co-worker with Him that he must learn how to co-operate with the various races and nationalities.

No One Person Better Than Another

The Gospel proclaims the sacredness of human personality. All life is to be thus recognized. "God has made of one blood all the nations to dwell on the face of this earth." "Of how much value is man?" Not a Roman, not a Greek, not an American, not a Negro, but a Man. The insistence of Jesus upon the value of one soul adds weight to this idea. One needs to remember how dependent he is upon others. Paul said, "I am debtor." Consider any one of your daily meals, regarding everything, the food you eat, the utensils used in preparing it, the stove on which it is cooked, the china and silverware in which it is served, etc., and you will begin to see how deep rooted is your utter dependence upon a great many people, including many races. Man's self-preservation depends upon a wholesome co-operation with other races.

We Help and Need One Another

There is a much needed emphasis to the truth that each group has a distinct contribution to make to the life of the whole. This should be one of the guiding principles in all of our consideration of racial problems. We are learning to co-operate with other races. A great many factors have entered into this wholesome development. It has come about as a result of intelligent understanding. Reading and travel have helped. The radio has brought the peoples of the earth closer together. We can hear each other's voices. Soon we will be able to see one another as we talk. The Friendship Chest or other means of cultivating good-will has enabled a more extensive co-operation. The exchange of students from the various schools of different countries have contributed. Our missionaries have helped much toward a better understanding.

The outlawing of war and the promotion of peace is definitely linked up with racial co-operation. War is based on suspicion, hatred, and a great array of evils, which sneak away when the light of intelligent understanding and good-will is thrown upon them.

Let's Stop Calling Each Other Mean Names

The prevailing practice of using nicknames which apply to people of other races, needs considering. It needs to be outlawed. As a general rule they indicate an attitude of mind not nobler than contempt and an assumed sense of superiority. No wonder we meet in return resentment and racial dislike. Let's apply this in reference to our own communities and the peoples who dwell there.

The development of our economic and industrial life depend upon the co-operation of the different racial groups. Stop to consider how persons of various racial groups have contributed to such development through inventions of other work of skill. And here no one race has the monopoly.

A Poem

Say not, "It matters not to me;
My brother's weal is his behoof."
For in this wondrous human web
If your life's warp, his life is woof.
Woven together are the threads,
And you and he are in one loom;
For good or ill, for glad or sad,
Your lives must share one common doom.

—Wordsworth

Reference: "Adventures in Brotherhood," Dorothy Giles. "Christian Students and World Problems," Indianapolis Convention, 1924.

Some Things You Can Do

Arrange for an open house at your Church. Invite the young people of the various racial groups in your community as special guests. Ask each group to be responsible for a part on the program.

At Christmas invite some of these young people to have parts on your program. Organize International Club or All Nations Groups for study and fellowship.

September 19, 1937

CO-OPERATING IN THE CONGREGATION

Acts 6:1-4

(By Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C.)

Aim of This Topic

To help Luther Leaguers and others realize that co-operation is quite essential in every phase of the congregation's work if the highest efficiency is to be obtained.

This is the third part of our study on "Co-operators," and today we are discussing the importance of co-operating in the work of the congregation. Every Intermediate Luther Leaguer is a confirmed member of the Church and is thereby extended the privileges of full Church membership. Just as it is true in relation to Baptism that one's first duty is that of "Co-operation," so at this stage in one's religious life this duty should be more appreciated and fulfilled.

If the study of this part of the topic is to mean anything to us or to our congregation, we must make our discussions very practical and fit them into our local situations. As we listen to the few short talks on this program let us think of how we may put these suggestions to use in our congregational activity.

Co-operating by Developing Self

Every congregation has a right to expect certain things of its membership. This is especially true of its youth. Luther Leagues then should be training camps for future workers in which boys and girls learn to conduct a worship program; to prepare short talks on assigned subjects; to speak intelligently before a group; and to develop various talents with which they are endowed, such as singing, instrumental music, etc.

Caring for Church Property

The congregation has a right to expect the League to take care of its property. All hymnals should be gathered up and put in the right place; chairs, tables, or other furniture should be replaced if they have been moved for the League meeting. How many Leagues fail here!

Co-operating in Character and Conduct

The congregation expects the Leaguers to conduct themselves in a reverent and orderly manner, and to remember that they are a part of the Church, as our motto states, "Of the Church, By the Church, and For the Church."

The Congregation Co-operating With You

But we have learned that the game of co-operation is not a one-sided thing. Co-operation involves more than one person. So the Luther League has a right to expect some things of the congregation. The congregation should provide a convenient place in which to hold the meetings, supplying hymnals, piano and any other Church equipment which is needed. The leadership of the congregation should offer encouragement and sympa-

thetic understanding. Every active and energetic group of boys and girls expects to be given opportunities to serve in the local program.

Thus we see there is need and occasion for the League to co-operate with the congregation in the general work of the Church. There must be an understanding and knowledge of each other's needs before there can be much successful co-operation. This knowledge can be gained by members of the congregation, especially the officials of the Church, visiting the League and learning about its program and scope of activity. In some congregations there is a standing committee on young people's work, whose duty it is to help plan the work in a co-operative manner; manifesting personal interest in the problems and needs of the youth. This is very important everywhere.

There are many things in a Congregation's program which Intermediate boys and girls can and should be expected to do, as full-privileged members of the Church. There is an unexcelled opportunity for both boys and girls in the ministry of music, singing in the choirs. The boys can be used in the ushering work at the services of the Church school and the congregation worship.

They can find many things to do if there is co-operation between them. Why not work together to accomplish "The Whole Program of the Whole Church" and thus put meaning into our motto?

OUR CO-OPERATION

Let us work together
In all sorts of weather
And help our good Pastor
To do his work faster.

We will feel some better
If we write that letter
Giving the invitation
To join our congregation.

Intermediates, we'll start
To do our own small part
In this co-operation
With our own congregation,
By never trying to shirk
But willingly get to work!

—An Intermediate

September 26, 1937

CO-OPERATING IN LUTHER LEAGUE WORK

(By Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C.)

Suggested Program

Call to Worship: Hymn 419 (Common Service Book)

Psalm 24 (Read in unison)

Hymn 277 (Common Service Book). Let this be sung by three Leaguers who have solo voices; first and second stanzas by the three; third by No. 1; fourth by No. 2; fifth by No. 3.

Introduction of Topic: A man once said to his three sons: "My boys, as you go out in the world to face its tasks and trials, stick together." He then picked up three sticks, held them tightly together and tried to break them. They did not break. He then took them separately and easily broke each one. "This, my sons, will help you to remember my advice to you." That is the message that the Luther League, as an organization, would give to each local League and to each Leaguer. For, after all, it is the local League which bears the burden of the "firing line." We must be willing to co-operate, to take directions, and to the utmost of our ability, carry them through. When we co-operate with God, and with each other, nothing can

"break" us. Then will we see the results we are hoping to have. It takes the three departments of the League, working together and with the directors of each planning and leading all Leaguers in Christian service. The Departments are **Education, Mission, Life Service.**

Education

Scripture: II Timothy 2:15

Hymn 212 (Common Service Book—4th stanza only)

The Luther League has for its first aim the education of Lutheran young people in the work of the Church. The Educational Secretary in each local League has a tremendous task. He is responsible for: the Devotional Meetings, Bible Reading, Church Attendance, Reading Course, the Luther League Review, and all other literature to assist in the building of better Luther Leagues. Is that a great task? Who wants the job? It is more than any one person can accomplish alone! The help of each individual Leaguer must be secured if the task is to be anything like successful. If we would co-operate with God, then we must co-operate with the leader of this division of our League work, for it is essential to a youth who is building a Christian personality.

Who is the Educational Secretary of our local League?

Educational Secretary rises and says: "I am. I am working under the supervision of (Name) who is our State Educational Secretary and we are together co-operating with Rev. C. P. Harry, the National Secretary. We also look to Rev. Paul M. Kinports and Rev. Robert J. Wolf, from National Headquarters. It makes me feel good to know that all the State organizations of the Luther League of America are working for the same things that we are here. But even with all that, my work cannot be a success without the sincere interest and help of each member of my own League. Do you catch the vision?

"Awake my soul! stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on."

Missions

Scripture: Mark 16:15-19

Hymn 212 (Common Service Book—2nd stanza only)

The second aim of the Luther League is promoting Missions. No Christian life is complete without an earnest desire and ambition to help those who know not God, to find Him as a dear Friend and a personal Saviour. Our endeavors in this field should not be considered as tasks, but as opportunities. We are fortunate to be employed in this great enterprise!

At the head of this department we have a Missionary Secretary who is **responsible** for all Missionary activities in our local League. He must see that the monthly Missionary Program is presented effectively; that a Mission Study Class is held; that the Missionary Project is studied and financed; that Public Missionary Programs are presented; and that Missionary Literature is on hand for use by the Leaguers. What do you think of this office? Is it easy? The Missionary Secretary cannot and should not do all this work alone. We all want to help.

Who is the Missionary Secretary of our League?

Missionary Secretary rises and says: "I am. I am happy to be working under God's great command, "Go ye into all the world—" Directing me in these Mis-

sionary activities is (Name), the State Missionary Secretary, and we are supervised by Miss Dorothy Borgstede, the Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of America. It gives me a secure feeling when I realize that as we are here at home working to 'put over' this Missionary Program, at the same time Luther Leaguers all over America are joining hands with us and we together reach out helping hands to our brothers and sisters who are calling for our help.

"All on earth arise,
To God the Saviour sing;
From shore to shore, from earth to heaven,
Let His high praises ring."

Life Service

Scripture: Mark 8:35

Hymn 212 (Common Service Book—7th stanza only)

The third aim of the Luther League is to help the youth find himself and his relation to God. What does God have for me to do? Has He given me any special talent? He would like to use me! Where? How?

This department is headed by a Life Service Secretary. This division of the Luther League is to help you solve the above problems. The Secretary must see: That the Ministry and Diaconate work is presented; that literature and expert advice is given each Leaguer in the particular field of labor he is interested, and that he is given an opportunity to serve where he feels a call of God. Under the direction of the Pastor each individual Leaguer is given some definite local work to do.

Who is the Life Service Secretary of our local League?

Life Service Secretary rises and says: "I am. My work is not only extensive, but it must be very per-

sonal. May God give me strength to help each of us to find personal contact with Him, is my prayer. The Life Service Secretary of the State League is (Name). We work with Rev. Alfred J. Beil, of the Luther League of America. If we are all earnestly working and if we can reach the hearts of all the Luther Leaguers, what a force we shall have working in the vineyard of the Lord!

"Take myself and I shall be,
Ever, only, all for Thee."

Questionnaires: (Have written on a blackboard, or have duplicate copies of these questions for each Leaguer. A few moments should be given after each discussion for the Leaguers to write the answers to the questions under that Department. After the entire discussion, have the Leaguers read their answers.)

Questions

1. Who are the State and National Educational Secretaries?
2. Name four duties of the Educational Department.
3. Who are the State and National Missionary Secretaries?
4. Name two duties of the Missionary Secretary.
5. Who are the State and National Life Service Secretaries?
6. Name two duties of the Life Service Secretary.
7. Can you co-operate with these Secretaries? Do you? Will you? Will you be a working Leaguer?

Hymn 376 (Common Service Book)

Luther League Benediction

(Have the Intermediate Superintendent or an influential Senior Leaguer lead the discussion of the topic.)



The Junior Topics for September

September 5, 1937

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

(The leader should carefully study the suggestions in the Teacher's Manual under the heading "Unit 3, Health—Health In The Community" and fit them to your own group.)

Suggested Procedure

Hymn: Selected by Juniors

Prayer: by a Junior

Informal Talk: What kind of a neighborhood have we? Is it clean? Is it healthy? Do all people have clean, pleasant homes in which to live?

Topic Material: as given in Topics Booklet No. 4, "The Child and Health"—A Healthy Community.

Topic Material: as given in Thoughts Below

Prayer: That we may help to make our and other neighborhoods more healthy and the kind of place in which Jesus would have us live.

Expression: Plan to look over your town and find out what health conditions exist and what Juniors may do to help.

Topic Thoughts

When Jesus was here on earth He went about doing good and when He found some one sick or some neighborhood that was not good, clean and healthy, He first made the sick person well, or cleaned up the neighborhood and then He taught the Gospel. He knew He must first make things right before He could really help the people.

So the Church today must help people if they are ill or make a neighborhood better if it is to help the people. When our missionaries start work in any neigh-

borhood they soon find they must have a hospital, and doctors and nurses, and heal people and then they are ready to hear of the Great Physician.

A neighborhood cannot be kept healthy if the people do not help. Things must be kept clean, the streets must be made safe, there must be safe places for play, there must be nothing that will cause fires, there must be nothing that is dangerous to life in any way.

Boys and girls have a part in this. They can obey all rules, even if they seem unnecessary to them. They can help keep things clean, they can help the hospital, they can help in any work which the town does to make the town better.

What does this have to do with the Church, you say? Because better health conditions and a better town in which to live help us to worship and serve God better. The Church gives us a better neighborhood; we can help the Church by better work.

We can show others that we are God's children when we help make the neighborhood just as good as it can be. People outside do not look at the Church building and call that the Church. They look at us and what we do. And if we try to help in showing everyone that the Church is helping in making this world a better place in which to live, we are helping to bring them to Church.

Do you know of any neighborhoods that are not healthy? I am thinking of the crowded sections of our big cities, of poor houses in many towns, of many places where living is not so happy.

In our big cities, boxlike, dark houses, crowded dirty streets, insanitary conditions, no place to play—does this make the boys and girls live happily?

In some of our factory towns there are crowded, tiny buildings in which the workers must live, and there is not much chance to make happy homes.

It is not just our physical bodies which may suffer in such neighborhoods. We cannot keep close to God.

And a neighborhood may not be healthy if it has in it movie houses with pictures which do not help boys and girls, if there are evil influences which keep them away from God's house and God's work.

What can we do about making our community better?

We can help with any work the town does to make the town healthy. Clean Up Week, Day Nursery, Junior Red Cross—in these we can help.

We can learn what we can do when we grow older to better things. We are Junior citizens now, but when we grow older it will be our job to see we have all the things needed to make our town healthy, not only clean in its streets, but in all the life of the town, so that people can grow as Jesus would have them, so they find their way to the Church.

We can keep things clean now, we can beautify things around our Church, we can begin now right where we are.

A group of Junior boys and girls in the Italian section of Philadelphia found a dead cat in one of the alleys and knew it didn't belong there. They appealed to the garbage man without results, then to a magistrate in the district, to a policeman, to the Board of Health. Finally it was removed. They noted the alley was dirty and started a clean up campaign and cleaned it up. They saw some of the houses were dirty and started a door-to-door campaign and, as if by magic, broken windows were replaced, trash removed from backyards, flowers planted. Soon the grown-ups saw their houses were dirty and a general house-cleaning commenced. The people themselves began to keep cleaner and neater in appearance. And then they were ready to hear about the Church. The babies were sent to Kindergarten, the children came to Sunday School and the parents to the Church.

A little girl was given a white rose at the Settlement House. She took it home and was about to put it in a tumbler when she saw the tumbler was very dirty, and the lovely white rose did not look pretty in the dirty glass. She watched the rose hour by hour and soon saw it looked out of place in the dirty room which was her home. The table was dirty, so she cleared it off and finding some clean, white paper carefully covered the table. The rose looked prettier. But the floor was dirty—the whole room—so, she set to work. The floor was scrubbed, the window was washed, a curtain of some kind was found and put up and the chair and few dishes, and the little cot—all the room contained—put in order. The rose now seemed more at home, but the little girl looked at herself—dirty face, untidy hair, torn dress, so she washed her dress, mended it, cleaned her face and hands, until she had made herself a better companion for the white rose.

Long after the rose faded she tried to act as well as she could, as well as keep herself clean, because of the rose, and others in the same poor crowded building, seeing the change, began doing the same thing until the whole place was changed—all because of one little white rose. Begin right where you are to help make your surroundings better, to help make life better for others.

How would you like to be twenty miles from the nearest doctor? That is the condition of the boys and girls around our mission door in the mountain regions of Virginia. Our Luther League of America has decided to start a Medical Center at Konnarock, Va., which will not only help the people when they are sick, but which will help them keep well, and show them how to live healthier, happier lives. You will hear a great deal about this, and we can all help this work by our prayers and our gifts. Will we?

September 12, 1937

HELPS TO HEALTH

(Use again some of the suggestions given in the Teacher's Manual under "Unit 3, Health—Health in the Community." You cannot possibly use them all in one meeting.)

Suggested Procedure

Hymn: Selected by Juniors

Prayer: by a Junior

Picture: Use any picture of Christ healing the sick and have story told.

Topic Material: as given in Junior Topics Booklet No. 4, "The Child and Health—Helps to Health."

Topic Material: as given below

Expression: Some work for some health center or health project, scrapbooks for hospital, handwork for some handicapped children, milk for Day Nursery, or toys.

Topic Thoughts

Let us draw a map of our town today. Here is Main Street, here is First Street. (Use blackboard)

Let us draw in our other streets. Where do you live, Billy? You, John?

Where is the hospital in your town? Will you mark it, Junior? What does the hospital do to keep the town healthy?

What other places can we mark that help? The drug stores? Yes, what else? The doctors' offices? Yes.

Are there any others? Yes, Jean, the Board of Health. Let's mark that. We don't like quarantine, but we know without it, we would all be sick, and our town wouldn't be a very good place in which to live. We owe the garbage and ash removal systems to them, too.

What about Red Cross? And the Day Nursery? And the Well Baby Clinic, and the Visiting Nurses? Let us mark all of these.

(Let Juniors name any other agencies they can think of that make for health.)

Let us look at the schools. How do they help? Doesn't the school help teach us what is healthy and what is not? Name some ways in which the school helps us.

Let us mark, too, the playgrounds and parks and other places which help keep us healthy and happy.

Now let us look at the Church. Does the Church help? Think of our work in helping the sick; think of our Inner Mission work which helps the sick, the crippled, the blind, the needy, those that need a home.

Think, too, how the Church helps every one of us not only by aiding to keep the neighborhood healthy, but by helping to keep us healthy spiritually, by making us strong Christian boys and girls.

Yes, the Church has a large share in making a healthy neighborhood.

Now we have marked all these places with a circle, let us mark with crosses those places which do not help. Here's the movie hall. The sign boards outside this morning advertised a picture which I don't believe would help boys and girls to grow as Jesus would have us grow. I don't think I should like to see that picture and if everybody stayed away, soon we wouldn't have that kind of picture, but only beautiful ones, and pictures that would help us. I guess we'll have to cross out the movie.

Here's a lot of tumble-down houses, hardly fit to live in; here's a creek filled with dirty, stagnant water, on the edge of the town; here's a dance hall; here's a newsstand with a lot of cheap books. I guess we'll have to cross out all of these.

Can you mark any more places that ought to be crossed out?

What can we do about them?

September 19, 1937 ALL ABOARD FOR EVERYWHERE

(By Marguerite Schmidtman)

Where Have We Been?

References: All Aboard for Everywhere, pages 19 and 20.
Missionary Omnibus, as indicated below.

Note to leader: Since September is designated as Parish Education month and many Church schools hold a Rally Day in September, it is suggested that, if possible, a missionary program be presented by the Juniors in the Junior Department at one of the sessions during the month. The final session of the course may serve as a rehearsal of the program to be given to the larger group. The suggestions below may be varied as found desirable. Page numbers refer to the *Missionary Omnibus*.

A display of dolls, dressed in the costume of our mission fields as pictured in Church and missionary publications, may form the connecting link for the program. One of the girls may tell the story of The Doll Missionary (page 58) and the boys may tell brief facts about the fields (pages 10 to 19).

If the Picture Map of the World has been a part of the activity of the course, it may be shown and described. Other hand-work resulting from the study may be displayed.

The program may feature such items as "Just One World," recited by three Juniors (page 62); American Indian version of the Twenty-third Psalm (page 61); Prayers by African Boys (page 63); Poem by an Indian poet, "My Motherland" (page 63); brief stories from China, Japan, South America, "Mrs. Sun's Little Boy" (page 51); "A Little Girl's Gift" (page 24); "My School" (page 20).

Hymns with the missionary message and familiar to all may be chosen from the hymnal used in the department of the Church school.

(Prepared under the direction of the Light Brigade
Department, Women's Missionary Society)

September 26, 1937 LUTHER LEAGUE DAY

(Make this a Rally Day in the Junior League, when you aim to gather in all the boys and girls of Junior age, 12 and under.)

The Intermediates and Seniors may observe Luther League Day and the Juniors share in the program, or if the Juniors arrange a special program, the Intermediates and Seniors should be invited to attend.

The District officers and Secretaries should also be invited and if they are available, should take part in the program.

The program below is only a suggestion; use what your Juniors know and have Juniors conduct the meeting as they ordinarily do. Do not have them on "show."

Suggested Program

Junior Rally Hymn

Worship—The Good Shepherd

Scripture—Story of Lost Sheep

Picture—The Good Shepherd (explained)

Hymn—Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayer by a Junior

What We Learn in Junior League (exercises by Juniors; all can be obtained at five cents each from Luther League Headquarters)
(Bible) Books of the Bible exercise
(Church) The Church Seasons
(Missions) The Juniors See China

(Luther) Facts from "Luther: The Flower of His Age"
(Luther League) Junior League Aims
The Luther League Motto
Luther's Coat-of-Arms

Three-Minute Greetings from: District President
Educational Secretary
Missionary Secretary
Life Service Secretary
Local President

Three-Minute Greetings from: Deaconess
Missionary
Pastor

What the Juniors did at the Springfield Convention
Items selected from Junior Department in this issue of the Review, given by superintendent, helper, or number of Juniors. If a number of Juniors can do this, let one tell of Exhibit and Doll Show, another of Rally, another of Presentation, another of Luncheon, etc.

Remarks from Pastor

Closing—Luther League Rally Hymn

Prayer

Benediction

LITTLE LEAGUERS' TOPICS

(Use with these Topics the pamphlet, "Programs For Little Leaguers.") Emphasize caring for others and helping others this month.)

September 5, 1937

AFRICAN BOYS AND GIRLS

Review the stories of Kembo told last month or use the book "Kembo: A Little Girl of Africa," if you did not meet during August. See suggestions in July-August Review.

Have Juniors make an African Village for the Little Leaguers. Use stories on Africa in "Missionary Stories For Little Folks," if you have the book.

Follow plans in "Programs For Little Leaguers," under "African Boys and Girls."

September 12, 1937

SHINE, SHINE, SHINE

Use the suggestions in the "Programs For Little Leaguers," under "Shine, Shine, Shine."

Let the little ones make candles. Draw candles on a sheet of cardboard. Let little ones cut out the candle and paste red cellophane paper over the opening in the shape of a candle on the cardboard and take home to hang in the window.

Print on these "Let your light so shine."

September 19, 1937

GOOD SAMARITAN: BE KIND

Use the material in "Programs For Little Leaguers," under "Good Samaritan."

Plan to have the group do something to help another group. Have them join the "Good Neighbor Club" and adopt another Little Leaguers' group, sending them help and material for their meetings.

September 26, 1937

BABY MOSES

Use the material in "Programs For Little Leaguers," under "Baby Moses."

Let the little ones act out the story of the baby Moses.

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